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SUMMARY.

The German Minister for Foreign Affairs says that the Triple Alliance is as firm as ever.

There are strong grounds for believing, he says, that German interests will not be affected if Great Britain and Russia arrive at an understanding.

Nonconformists are thunderstruck at the faux pas of Mr. Lough (Secretary for Education) in belittling Bible teaching.

Mr. Lough had declared that simple Bible reading and moral teachnig were not enough.

At the International Postal Congress 43 delegates voted in favour of the next meeting being held in Melbourne, and 43 in favour of Madrid.

It is reported that the Russian Imperial family, fearing expropriation, sold vast Crown forests to German bankers for £10,000,000.

Many landowners in Russia are trying to sell and private capital has been transferred in large amounts to foreign banks.

It is semi-officially announced at St. Petersburg that a full amnesty to political prisoners is impossible whilst terrorists continue their crimes.

The Italian Ministry has resigned owing to an adverse vote in the Chamber.

The Canadian Minister for Finance has announced that preference to Great Britain will be continued until notice of discontinuance is given.

Germany claims the extradition of the Hottentot chief Morenga, who was captured by the Cape police after he had crossed the border.

The Cape Government considers that Morenga is a political prisoner, and promises to intern him safely.

Colonel Mackenzie's force has destroyed the kraals of Mangodi, the chief lieutenant of Bambaata.

The "Sportsman" says that the feeling is growing that the colonies should pay the penalty of their bickerings by a postponement of the English cricket tour.

Senators of New York State indignantly repel the statement of Senator Goulden regarding the receipt of corrupt payments.

The success of Empire Day celebrations was marred by rains throughout New South Wales.

There were, however, many loyal demonstrations, both in the city and the country, and patriotic speeches were delivered.

Messages of loyalty were forwarded to the King.

The Governor-General, the State Governor, Vice-Admiral Fawkes, and Rear-Admiral Shimamura participated in the functions.

An imposing ceremonial took place at the Royal Exchange, when the flag was saluted, and an oration was delivered by Mr. J. S. Larke (of Canada).

The ceremony of presenting the colours to the First Infantry Regiment took place at Victoria Barracks.

The High Court yesterday reversed the decision of the Full Court, which set aside an order for a commission to take the evidence of W. N. Willis.

The Court refused leave to appeal in the action brought by Elizabeth Mary Nevell against Dr. Howse.

The increase of the population of Queensland during the March quarter was 1305 persons.

Campbell, who was shot by the police at Nundora, died on Wednesday night.

Our Inverell correspondent says that tin-mining companies are experiencing great difficulty in obtaining labour.

The companies have brought over a number of men from Ballarat to work in the mines.

It is understood that four or five Australian tenders have been received for the supply of 4000 miles of wire netting for the Government.

Owing partly to the favourable position of the railways, the Commissioners have decided to reduce the rates for conveying butter.

Mr. Coghlan, in a letter to the Premier, expresses himself very hopeful of being able to secure British agriculturists for the State.

The Tariff Commission has presented several reports dealing with wine and spirit production.

It points out that since the Commonwealth tariff came into force there has been a total cessation of whisky distillation in Victoria.

The Commission, among other things, recommends a reduction of the excise on spirit for fortifying wines.

It also recommends reductions on methylated spirit of specified strength.

The Commission took further evidence in Sydney yesterday.

The South Australian Government strongly protests against the proposed Danysz experiments.

Mr. Deakin has arranged to confer with Mr. Seddon on matters of mutual concern to Australia and New Zealand.

A dead pack-horse and a dead riding horse, with a saddle attached, have been found 70 miles from Normanton (Q.).

The City Coroner found yesterday that Michael Hackett, who was run over by a cab, was killed accidentally.

The Coroner expressed the opinion, however, that when the accident occurred the cabman was driving faster than the regulations allowed.

Thomas Walter Harper, aged 13 years, fell down a disused well, 60ft. deep, at West Maitland yesterday, and was killed.

The French barque Vincennes, bound from Japan in ballast for Sydney, was stranded on the ocean beach at Manly last night.

A strong easterly gale carried her to within 80 yards of the promenade. At low water she will be high and dry.

Four of the sailors from the Vincennes reached the shore in one of their own boats.

The other 19 members of the ship's company are remaining on board with the captain, there being no immediate danger.

A meeting of members of the Sydney Cricket Ground last night carried a resolution in support of the Cricket Association's "firm stand."

The meeting also resolved that the existing trust should be reconstructed to provide for representation of the ground members upon it.

A large meeting was held at the Town Hall last night in opposition to the resolutions of the Commonwealth Parliament regarding Home Rule for Ireland.

Mr. Reid, who was the principal speaker, said that England and Ireland were so situated geographically that they could never be disunited.

They could not, he argued, grant Home Rule unless they recognised the right of an Irish Parliament to demand complete independence.

Then, he said, it would be a pitiable spectacle if Great Britain tried to crush the will of the Irish Parliament by the sword.

Mr. Reid, referring to Austria-Hungary and Norway and Sweden, said that dual Parliaments were a source of disunion and weakness.

His principal objection to the resolutions, however, was that they dealt with a question that was outside the sphere of Commonwealth politics.

A petition was adopted for presentation to the King, declaring that the resolutions did not represent the opinion of the people of Australia.

Splendid rains have fallen throughout New South Wales. The western wheat belt has greatly benefited.

Heavy rains have also fallen on the catchment area of the Sydney water supply.

Violent easterly gales were raging on the coast last night, and heavy seas were running.

The Labour Council discussed the report of its delegates to the recent conference with employers, without arriving at a definite decision.

The council, however, decided that the next conference with employers must be postponed.

The Interstate Employers' Conference at Brisbane carried a motion denouncing the nationalisation of monopolies.

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BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, and RIVER PORTS to CAIRNS. — WOLLOWRA, TO-MORROW, 1 p.m., May 26. BUNINYONG, SATURDAY, June 2.

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MEETINGS.

THE RIGHT HON. G. H. REID, P.C., K.C., will give an Address in the School of Arts, BURWOOD, THIS EVENING, at 8, under the auspices of the Strathfield, Burwood, Enfield Women's Lib. League. Public inv.

UNITED PROTESTANT DEMONSTRATION.—General Committee Meeting, Protestant Hall, TO-NIGHT, 8 o'clock. Important business. A full attendance requested. SYDNEY RIDGWAY, Secretary.

J. ROBINSON will speak at Glenmore Hotel To-night at 8; if wet, Saturday night.

WOOLLAHRA Labour League.—T. J. Kohan deliv. Addr. To-night. Windsor Castle Htl., Padd., 8.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.
NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of this Society will be held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Pitt-street, Sydney, at 2 o'clock THIS AFTERNOON, for the purpose of—
(1) Receiving the Report of the Directors on the business of the Society for the year ended December 31, 1905.
(2) Electing three Directors in lieu of Benjamin Short, Esq., and Senator the Hon. J. T. Walker, who retire in terms of bylaw 16, and of Rollo A. Cape, Esq., who retires in terms of bylaw 15, all of whom are eligible for election.
(3) Electing an Auditor in lieu of T. F. H. Mackenzie, Esq., F.S.I.A., M.L.A., who retires in terms of bylaw 28, but is eligible for re-election.
(4) Declaring the amount of divisible surplus for the year ended December 31, 1905.
The following members have given the requisite notice that they are Candidates for the vacant seats on the Board, namely:—Richard Arthur, Esq., M.D., M.L.A., Gerald Ross Campbell, Esq., Rollo A. Cape, Esq., John Kirkland, Esq., Benjamin Short, Esq., Arthur Graham Wald, Esq., and Senator the Hon. J. T. Walker.
The following members have given the requisite notice that they are candidates for the position of Auditor, namely:—H. C. Brierley, Esq., F.I.A.V., F.F.I.A., and T. F. H. Mackenzie, Esq., F.S.I.A., M.L.A.
By order of the Board,
RICHARD TEECE, General Manager.
Head Office, 87 Pitt-street, Sydney, April 25, 1906.

THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY BLOCK 14 COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE OF MEETING.
NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Registered Office, 47 Queen-street, Melbourne, on MONDAY, the 28th day of MAY, 1906, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of transacting the following
BUSINESS:—
1. To Receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the half-year ending 31st March, 1906.
2. To Elect Directors. Mr. HARVEY PATTERSON and Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU retire in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
3. To elect Auditors. Messrs. E. H. SHACKELL and P. P. COOK retire in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.
4. To transact any other Ordinary Half-yearly business.
SPECIAL BUSINESS.
To consider, and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution (with or without amendment), namely:—
1. That the Company's Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—
Article 67 shall be repealed, and the following shall be substituted therefor:—

CLAUSE 67.	SUBSTITUTION.
No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not a member and himself qualified to vote. The instrument or mandate appointing such proxy shall be deposited with the Secretary 24 hours before the time of holding the meeting at which it is intended to be used (otherwise the same shall not be acted upon), and no instrument or mandate appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of one month from the date of its execution, except for the purpose of voting at any adjournment of a meeting originally held within one month from the date of such proxy.	No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not a member and himself qualified to vote. The instrument or mandate shall be deposited with the Secretary as regards Shares on the Melbourne Register 24 hours, or with the Company's London Secretary as regards shares on the London Register 72 hours before the hour (Melbourne time) of holding the meeting or adjourned meeting, at which it is intended to be used (otherwise the same shall not be acted upon), and no instrument or mandate appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of three months from the date of its execution, except for the purpose of voting at any adjournment of a meeting originally held within three months from the date of such proxy.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the 18th day of JUNE, 1906, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of transacting the following
SPECIAL BUSINESS:—
1. To confirm the abovementioned resolution, altering the Company's Articles of Association, as a special resolution.
By order of the Board.
JOHN BRANDON, Secretary.
47 Queen-street, Melbourne, 8th May, 1906.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General MEETING of the Proprietors will be held at the Chief Banking-house, George-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of May, 1906, at noon, to consider the Report of the Board of Directors to be then made, and such other matters and things as may then be brought forward in conformity with the Deed of Settlement.
By order of the Board of Directors.
T. H. IVEY, For the General Manager.
Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, 3rd May, 1906.

THE AMALGAMATED TIN-DREDGING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that the First General and Statutory MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held on MONDAY, 11th June, 1906, at 4 p.m., at the Registered Office of the Company, Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, Sydney, when the following business will be brought forward:—
1. To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet.
2. To Elect Directors and Auditor, all of whom retire in accordance with the provisions of the No Liability Act.
By order of the Board,
G. S. BUZACOTT, Secretary.
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On account of Mr. J. JENNINGS, Ashfield.
An active van Roan Gelding, broken to single and double harness.

On account of Mr. E. KEEN, North Sydney.
Grey Gelding, quiet in saddle and harness.

1ST-CLASS B.S. SULKY, by Jenner; also New Rubber-tyred Sulky, very stylish; also Hooded Am. Light Carryall, together with Bay Mare by Yorkie, very fast trotter, and Set of Harness.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by Auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
The above.

VARNISHED EXERCISE SULKY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Varnished Exercise Sulky, in good repair.

FAST S. AND H. GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. McMahon, Warwick Farm, to sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Gelding, very fast trotter, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, any trial given.

2 SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by Auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding and Black Pony Gelding, both broken to saddle and harness.

SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Dibble to sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Grey Mare, 15 hands, broken to saddle and harness.

HARNESS MARE FROM BERMAGUI.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. Connolly, Bermagui, to sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Yellow-bay Mare, broken to harness.

INGLIS' BAZAAR.

THIS DAY, AT 11.30 A.M.

FIRST-CLASS COUNTRY HORSES, FROM MAITLAND.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. G. Markham, West Maitland, to sell by Auction, as above,
12 first-class Horses, comprising heavy and medium draughts and strong harness Horses, suitable for Cabs, Sociables, Merchants' Vans, Sp. Cart work, etc. All broken in, ready for immediate work.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by Auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
MASUDA, Bay Horse, 6 yrs., by Huret from Katie, by Claud Du Val (imp.), winner of races, both in Victoria and New South Wales. Full particulars at sale.

RACING PONY BY CAMBRIA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, about 14.1, 6 yrs., by Cambria, from Exchange, untried.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

1 HOUR'S JOURNEY BY TRAIN FROM SYDNEY.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, MAY 26, AT 11.30 A.M. SHARP.

650 HEAD. 650

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—
20 newly-calved COWS
30 Springing COWS and HEIFERS
15 Fat CATTLE from local paddocks
100 head, comprising STORE COWS, HEIFERS, and STEERS
45 head, comprising 25 good DAIRY HEIFERS, in calf to pure bull, about 6 Store Cows; the balance young Steers.
100 head, comprising 90 Steers and Heifers, 9 to 15 months old, and 10 good Cows in forward condition.
50 young Steers, 6 to 9 months old.
100 good Steers, from 9 months to 2 years old.
50 Mixed Young Cattle.
30 real good Dairy Heifers, 2 to 2½ years old
80 head, comprising 50 splendid Dairy Heifers, rising 3 years, and 30 ditto ditto, rising 2 years. These are described as a first-class lot.
42 head, comprising 22 Steers, and 20 good Dairy Heifers.

Train leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 3.42 and 6.47 p.m.

ALSO, FOR PRIVATE SALE.
275 good Steers, 1½ to 2 years old.

HORSES. HORSES.

HEAD. 350 HEAD.

MUSWELLBROOK YARDS,
29th, 30th, 31st MAY, at 10 a.m.

EDMUND HIGGENS, PARKINSON, and CO. will sell on above dates, for well-known Breeders and Owners,
350 HORSES, comprising heavy and medium draughts, gunners' remounts, light harness and saddle Horses, and a fine lot of Ponies.

HORSE AND JOCKEY SALEYARDS,
PARRAMATTA-ROAD, HOMEBUSH.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30th, at 10 o'clock Sharp.
ABSOLUTE CLEARANCE SALE.

A. P. THOMPSON will sell by Public Auction, WITHOUT RESERVE, under instructions from Mr. HUGH SWEENEY, Manly, who is retiring from business,
THE WHOLE OF HIS DAIRY HERD, comprising
35 Extra Choice DAIRY COWS, in full milk, including some heavy milkers, giving upwards of 20 quarts daily.
Extra Choice RED DURHAM COW, in excellent condition, well forward in calf, quant. 24 qts.
Purebred ROAN DURHAM BULL, extra good quality, by well-known sire Knightly, winner of many prizes.
On Account of Messrs. Bent, Perry, Barnes, Walker, Petter, and others.
20 Newly-calved Cows, in full milk, with young Calves at foot.
25 Springing Cows and Heifers.
20 Dairy Cows, in forward condition.
25 Young Dairy Heifers, 12 mths. to 3 yrs.
10 Extra Choice Dairy Heifers, within 4 weeks of calving.
10 Young Steers.
At 2 o'clock,
On Account Mr. BENT, Wyee.
10 High-class Colts and Fillies, 4 to 6 yrs., broken and unbroken, including 4 extra good heavy draughts.
10 First-class Good, Upstanding, Light and Medium Draught Horses, broken and unbroken.
Brown Gelding, Harness, and Grocer's Cart.
Buyers can attend with confidence. All stock advertised will be forward, and sold Without Reserve.
Auctioneer's Offices 27 Rofe's-chambers, 80 Castlereagh-street. Tel., 3298.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Yards, Quay-st, THIS DAY, at 1 sharp, Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Butter, Eggs, Honey, Lard, Fruit, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, 20cwt prime Farm-fed Bacon, 150 young Hens, Black Orpingtons, Silver Wyandottes, and White Leghorns, pure bred and real good.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by Auction at THEIR SALE ROOM AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, etc.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1 o'clock, THIS DAY,
Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held THIS DAY by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place.—SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

HIDES AND SHEEPSKINS.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30,
Sheepskins.
At 1.30 o'clock,
Hides.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO., Ltd., will sell To-day, at the Macquarie-place Saleroom, at 10.30 a.m.: Sheepskins; at 1.30 p.m., Hides.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by auc., This Day, at Wool Exch., Sheepskins, 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

REDMAN'S EST., Canterbury, To-morrow, £1 dep., £1 monthly. No interest. H. and G.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE'S AUCTION SALE ROOMS AND GALLERIES, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 25, AT 11 A.M.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION.

Under instructions from

DR. ODILLO MAHER.

VALUABLE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

Removed from his Residence, LEITRIM, STRATHFIELD-AVENUE.

And for and on Account of VARIOUS VENDORS.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, In Excellent Order, and to be Sold WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

SOLID WALNUT ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON, with Drawers and Carved Panels.
MASSIVE WALNUT 6ft SIDEBOARD, with bevelled edge mirror back, enclosed cupboards, cellarette, and drawers.
SOLID OAK 4ft 6in SIDEBOARD, with Copper Fitments, very well made, and finished in artistic taste.
WALNUT DINING CHAIRS, Carver's, and Six Small Chairs, with Fine Cane Seats and Backs.

ROSEWOOD AND MARQUETERIE DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE, including
VERY BEAUTIFUL CABINET, with China Recesses and Cupboards, Mirror Back, and Galleries, size 5ft.
OLD MAHOGANY AND ROSEWOOD INLAID OCCASIONAL CHAIRS, Upholstered in Silk Damask and Genoa Velvet.

WALNUT 6ft BEDROOM SUITE,
English Manufacture, consisting of large and very commodious Wardrobe, Pedestal Dressing Table, Pedestal Washstand, Pedestal Cupboard, Towel Rail, and Chairs.

MASSIVE BLACK and BRASS and BLACK and NICKEL HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, with Woven Wire Mattresses, Horsehair Mattresses, etc, complete.

WALNUT BOOKCASE.
A VERY LARGE BOOKCASE, with the centre arranged with ESCRITOIRE with revolving front, disclosing stationery compartments, etc, moveable shelves, to hold a great number of volumes.
☞THIS FINE BOOKCASE WAS MADE IN LONDON AT A COST OF £90 for the late — PRENDERGAST, Esq., of MERRIOLA, Edgecliff-road.

BEST QUALITY BRUSSELS CARPETS.
Etc, etc, etc.
Also,
AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT of MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND REQUISITES.

☞FOR ABSOLUTE SALE—NO RESERVE.

And
AT TWELVE NOON PROMPT.

SEVERAL HIGH-CLASS PIANOFORTES.

WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, CARL VOGLER
WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, THURMER
WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, MAACK.
ROSEWOOD PIANOFORTE, FRANZ KOHLER.
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, SIEWERT.
And
TURNING LATHE for Brass or Wood.
CASE CONFECTIONERY CARTOONS, Bunger's, all faults.
CASE TROUSERS BUTTONS, 850 great gross, all faults.
CASE HAIRPINS, 20½ dozen pounds, all faults.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FINE ART AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

PYMBLE.

ATTRACTIVE AUCTION SALE, ON THE PREMISES, RUSHALL, ALMA-STREET
(near Pymble Station, North Shore Line.)
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, comprising
Upright Grand Piano in Ebonised Frame, by Pleyel, in perfect condition; Occasional Tables, Fancy Chairs, Standard Lamp, Cosy Corner, B.E. Mirrors, Single and Double Bedsteads, Horsehair Mattresses, Double Bedroom Suite in Solid Walnut, Combination and Other Chests of Drawers, Linen Press, Handsome Toilet Ware, Extension Dining Table, Sideboard, Leather Suite, Revolving Book Case, Carved Furniture in Ebony and Oak, Hallstand, Carved Hall Chairs, Quantity of Books, Axminster and Indian Squares, Linoleums, Curtains, Blinds, Ornaments, Cutlery, Glassware, E.P. Ware, Crockery, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, etc., etc., etc.
Also a number of Water Colours, Oil Paintings, Engravings, Artists' Proofs, Pen and Ink Sketches, etc., by eminent Artists. Catalogues of Pictures may be obtained from the Auctioneers.

CLARKE AND SOLOMONS, AUCTIONEERS, cr. WALKER and BLUE STREETS, NORTH SYDNEY (Tel. 6 N.S.), have been instructed by E. C. DAUBENY, Esq., who is leaving for England, to sell as above.
Open for inspection THIS MORNING.

TO DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, and OTHERS.

IMPERATIVE AND UNRESERVED SALE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

At the Rooms, CITY-CHAMBERS, 243 PITT-ST (near Market-st).

HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the MORTGAGEES to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, as above,
MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITE, comprising Wardrobe and Superior Duchess Toilets, with Swing Mirrors.
PIANO, Upright Model, in Walnut Frame, a splendid instrument.
SUPERIOR 3-WING WARDROBE, COMMODE.
WALNUT OVERMANTELS, RATTAN FURNITURE.
WRIGHT'S EUREKA GAS STOVE, No. 410, nearly new, being in use only a few months.
3 SPLENDID SPORTING PICTURES, LINOLEUMS, C. POLES.
PRETTY OTTOMAN COUCH, T. GLASS, W'STANDS.
B.M. ½-TESTER BEDSTEAD, T. TABLES.
Also,
3 Glass Cases, Lolly Glasses, Brass Scales, and W. Chairs, Ice Box, MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES, etc.

NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

TO THE BOOT TRADE and OTHERS.
On the Premises, 173 Parramatta-road, ANNANDALE (leave tram at Johnston-st).
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 sharp.
The whole of the stock of MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S BOOTS, SHOES, and SLIPPERS,
in English, American, and Col. makes, comprising every description, and of superior finish.
Also 100 MEN'S CHESTER MACINTOSHES (all seams sewn throughout).
Also, BOOT MANUFACTURER'S MACHINES SHOP SEAT, BRASS BARS, etc.
Absolutely no reserve. Terms Cash.

M. GOULSTON AND COMPANY will sell THIS DAY, at 11 sharp.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 25th MAY.

At the ROOMS, 556 GEORGE-STREET (opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral), at Eleven o'clock.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WITH ALL FAULTS.

EX BUNINYONG.

666 in Diamond.
17 Boxes SOMERS' HUNGARIAN NAILS
10 Boxes FEDERATION HUNGARIAN NAILS
2 Boxes HEELING NAILS.

M. DE LISSA AND CO., LIMITED, will sell as above.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
The Unredeemed Clothing and Sundries, pledged with Mr. DAVID DAVIS, of Oxford-street, Paddington:—
At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 3 o'clock: Sundries of all Descriptions.

THIS DAY, AT 10.30 A.M. SHARP.
AUCTION SALE of Unredeemed Jewellery Pledges, consisting of Gold and Silver Chronographs, Diamond Rings, Lockets, and Pins, Gold Brooches, Pins, Studs, and Earrings, Gold Bangles, Wedding Rings and Keepers, Silver Rotherhams and Waltham Levers, and Sundry other Jewellery.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THIS DAY, the Unredeemed Jewellery, from ELLIS DAVIS, Haymarket Loan Office, 645 George-street, Haymarket.

THIS DAY, MAY 25th, at 11 a.m.,
AT KURING-GAI HOUSE, PEAT'S FERRY-ROAD, WAITARA, opp. Hornsby Hotel,
CONTENTS OF A LARGE BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT.
DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM, and BEDROOM FURNITURE.
E.P. Ware, Cutlery, Crockery, and Glassware. Bed Linen, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.

A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell as above, THIS MORNING.
N.B.—The House having been leased by the proprietor unfurnished instructions are to clear every line ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
*** Steamer leaves Quay at 9.40, train at 9.50. Leave train at Waitara Station; the house is then about two minutes' walk.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2.30.
IMPORTANT FURNITURE SALE,
AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET.
Household Furniture, Office Furniture, Magnificent Upright Grand Piano, Bedroom Suites, Bedsteads, Kit. Dressers, etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, will sell at his Rooms, at 2.30, as above.
LOTS ON VIEW THIS MORNING.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by Auction, at No. 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, Ladies' and Gentlemen's New and Second-hand CLOTHING, Bed Clothing, Blankets, Boots, Tablecovers, Furniture, and Sundries. NO RESERVE.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT.—The Auction Sale of Furniture, Piano, etc, advertised in yesterday's Herald to take place this Day at Arden-street, Waverley, has, owing to the inclemency of the weather, been postponed until TUESDAY NEXT, 29th inst., at 11 o'clock a.m. ALLDIS and CO., Auctioneers, Wav'ley.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.,
At 238 King-street, Newtown.
We are instructed by W. Lowe and Co. to sell the Shop Fittings, Window Slides, Cash Desk, 4 fine almost new Chandeliers, also 1000 Candle-p. Welsbach Outside Lamp, almost new.

NORRISS AND CO., Auctioneers.

THIS DAY, 2.30.
DAVOREN and CO. will Sell by Auction, at their Rooms, Bourke-street, near Oxford-st. Furniture, Crockery, Clothing, and Sundries. No Reserve.

UNRESERVED Sale of Office Furniture and Fittings of 11 Offices, at 7 Moore-st (basement), Tuesday nt.

CLOSE TO STATION, Canterbury, Redman's Est., Cheap Land, Easy Terms. To-morrow. H. and G.

NEWTOWN.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 A.M., (Wet or Fine).

ON THE PREMISES, "PARK VIEW,"

48 BLIGH-STREET, NEWTOWN,

the residence of BERNARD BOGAN, Esq.

THE UP-TO-DATE FURNISHINGS, UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, and EFFECTS.

Magnificent Upright Grand Pianoforte, by FRANZ SEILER, Berlin, in ebonised case, possessing all the latest improvements of tone and touch.

WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM FURNISHINGS, comprising

SOLID WALNUT SUITE of 9 pcs., Wal. Occ. Tables,

WALNUT OVERMANTEL, AXMINSTER CARPET, ORNAMENTS, BRIC-A-BRAC.

CHARMING INLAID DRAWING-ROOM CABINET, size 5ft.

THE DINING-ROOM FURNISHINGS are also in Walnut, and comprise:

6-pce. LEATHER SUITE, SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD.

WALNUT DINNER WAGGON, CEDAR BOOKCASE.

VALUABLE CHINA and E.P. WARE.

CEDAR HALL SUITE.

MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITE in STD. ROSEWOOD, including 5ft Wardrobe and Pair 4ft Toilets; cost £85.
DOUBLE TOILET SET.
VERY FINE 4ft BLACK and BRASS BEDSTEAD, with Wire and Kapok Mattresses and Drapery.
BOX OTTOMAN COUCH, 8ft CEDAR WARDROBE.
PINE BEDROOM SUITE.
3ft 6in, 3ft, and 3ft 6in Bedsteads complete.
COMBINATION CHESTS, Washstands, Toilet Ware, etc, etc.

KIT. DRESSER, KITCHEN UTENSILS.
Garden Seat and Sundries.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN and WATSON have been favoured with instructions from B. BOGAN, Esq., to conduct his highly important Sale,

WITHOUT RESERVE.

SUMMER HILL.
TO PHOTOGRAPHERS, HOUSEHOLDERS, AND OTHERS.
ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, On MONDAY, 28th MAY, AT 11 A.M.,
Under instructions from Mr. F. WOODFIELD (who is leaving per mail steamer for England), at his Studio and Residence,
5 LACKEY-STREET, SUMMER HILL, CLOSE STATION.

LARGE QUANTITY PHOTOGRAPHIC ACCESSORIES.
Extension Backgrounds, Developing Dishes.
PRINTING FRAMES, from ¼-plate to 15 x 12.
MIDGET CAMERA (Scovill and Co.) and Lenses complete.
10,000 CABINET and MIDGET MOUNTS (without name).
PICTURE FRAMES, all sizes; Lot Artist's Studies, by Vouga.
GRAPHOPHONE and 36 Records, Photo. Showcases.

ALSO, STOCK OF FANCY GOODS, comprising Photo. Frames, Mirrors, Purses, Ornaments, Glass Show-Cases, etc., etc.
Immediately after above we shall sell
THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, CHIFFONIER, Occ. Tables and Chairs, Mus. Canterbury, Settee, Clock, Mirrors, Pictures, Crockery and Glassware.
STD. W. BEDROOM SUITE, Chest Drawers.
Bedsteads and Bedding, Floor Coverings.
Kitchen Dresser, Cooking Utensils, etc.
"BOBS" TABLE, ICE CHEST, LOT POT PLANTS.

STRONGMAN AND WATSON will sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.
N.B.—Photographic Plant at 11 a.m.

BONDI,

THIS DAY, MAY 25th, at 11 o'clock,
Highly Important Sale by Auction at

CARLILE,

45 BONDI-ROAD,
under instructions from
A. DATTILO-RUBBO, ESQ.,
prior to his departure for Europe.
The Whole of the
ELEGANT FURNISHINGS
and
DELIGHTFUL APPOINTMENTS,
including
SPLENDID BELLING PIANOFORTE,
***Upright Grand, in Walnut Case.
RECHERCHE DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS,
ROSEWOOD CHIPPENDALE SUITE, ELEGANT OVERMANTELS, BRUSSELS CARPETS, AI LINOLEUMS, Costly Ornaments, Pictures,
BLACKWOOD DINING SUITE,
Noble Canopy SIDEBOARD, TABLE APPOINTMENTS, ELECTROPLATE, DINING TABLE, etc., etc.
ELEGANT BEDROOM SUITE (½ size),
Ditto Ditto Ditto (Single).
SPLENDID ITALIAN STATE BEDSTEAD,
FURNISHINGS OF TWO MINOR BEDROOMS,
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY REQUISITES,
etc., etc., etc.

SYDNEY DAVIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 3 POST-OFFICE-CHAMBERS. Tel., 2157.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
Unreserved Sale by Auction,
SATURDAY, MAY 26th, at 11 o'clock,
on the Premises,
COOK'S RIVER-ROAD, TEMPE
(near Dr. Vause's Asylum),
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, E.P. WARE, Etc.

D. AND W. BAINES, under instructions from the Mortgagees, will sell as above. Auctioneers' Office, Petersham. Tel., 90. Full particulars Saturday's Herald.

AUCTION SALE.
THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, at 11 o'clock.
Counters, Window Fittings, Outside Incandescent Lamp (2 light), Glass Show Cases, Lolly Show Glasses, Bookcase, Pier Glass, Computing Scales, Ice-chest, Patent Ice-cream Self-Freezer, Marble Slabs, 2 Large Marble Tables, etc., etc., Sundry Furniture.

W. J. LAWS, Auctioneer and Sworn Valuator, 365 DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN,
will sell by auction, at 11 o'clock To-day, on Premises, 373 Darling-street, Balmain, the above-described.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE.
CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES, to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at our Rooms, 98 PITT-STREET,
at 11.30 a.m.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

SURRY HILLS.—House, No. 138 Foveaux-street, between Crown and Bourke streets.
SURRY HILLS.—Three Houses, Nos. 553 to 557 Bourke-street, between Phelps and Arthur streets.
REDFERN.—Two Houses, Nos. 283 and 285 Cleveland-street, between Castlereagh and Pitt streets. Freehold.
PADDINGTON.—Two Houses, "Westwood" and "Elleralie," Nos. 108 and 110 Glenmore road, between Liverpool and Brown streets.
UPPER PADDINGTON.—House, "Brunswick," No. 9 Rush-street, near Point Piper-road. Executors' Sale.
ENMORE.—House, No. 33 Marian-street, near Enmore-road.
MARRICKVILLE.—Cottage and Land, "Rosevale," Sydenham-road, between Livingstone and Park roads.
DITTO.—Vacant Allotment adjoining above.
WATERLOO.—Two Cottages, Nos. 3 and 5 Union-street, close to Redfern Park. Leasehold.
ARTARMON.—Cottage, Tindale-road, on the hill. Mortgagee's Sale.
ENFIELD.—House, Dunmore-street, south of tram, Croydon Park.
HURSTVILLE.—Corner Allotment, Northcote and Carysfort streets. Executors' Sale.
HURSTVILLE.—Allotment, St. George's Parade, Bellevue Estate. Mortgagee's Sale.
MORPETH.—Two Blocks of Land, Robert and Swain streets, Hunter River and Railway Line, in one lot. Executors' Sale.
SANDRINGHAM.—Allotments, Laurence Estate, near Sans Souci. Executors' Sale.
RYDALMERE.—82ac 3r 10p, Victoria-road and Parramatta River, Vineyard Estate. Executors' Sale.
KENTHURST.—Selection, Portion 178, 180 acres, Rouse Hill-road, west of Kenthurst and Pitt-town roads.
KEMP'S CREEK.—68ac 3r 32p, Central-road, opposite Mrs. Green's, Amy Park Estate.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

CHATSWOOD. BUSINESS SITE.
VICTORIA-AVENUE, OPPOSITE TOWN HALL.
THE CENTRE OF BUSINESS THOROUGHFARE.
BLOCK 40 x 115.
AUCTION SALE, THURSDAY NEXT, 11.30 a.m.

HUGH DUFF and CO., 283 GEORGE-STREET.

REDMAN'S EST., Canterbury, To-morrow, £1 dep., £1 monthly. No interest. H. and G.

MEDICAL, CHEMICALS, ETC.

BENGER'S FOOD

IS BEST FOR BABIES, INVALIDS, AND THE AGED.

BENGER'S FOOD is quite distinct from any other. It possesses the remarkable property of rendering milk, with which it is mixed when used, quite easy of digestion by Infants and Invalids.

SOLD BY ALL CHEMISTS, Etc.

KEATING'S BON BONS or WORM TABLETS, a purely VEGETABLE SWEETMEAT, both in appearance and taste, furnishing a most agreeable method of administering the only certain remedy for Intestinal or THREAD WORMS, a perfectly safe and mild preparation, especially adapted for children. In tins, all chemists.

IT IS BETTER TO RETAIN HEALTH by taking ABRAHAM'S PILLS than having to take them to regain health.

RUPTURE.—TRUSSES of various kinds, skilfully fitted. Est. 1858. GUYATT and CO., 361 Geo.-st.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 16,955.—Re ROBERT SAXBY, of Bowman, near Gloucester, Storekeeper.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Meeting of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the Office of the Official Assignee at Denman-chambers, Phillip-street, Sydney, on the 7th day of June, 1906, at 12 o'clock noon. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 2nd day of June, 1906. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 5th day of June, 1906, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar of Bankruptcy not later than the 1st day of June, 1906.—Re JOHN McCREA (No. 16,971), of 14 Wallace-street, Waverley, Builder; re SYDNEY LEWIS PENN SCOTTS (No. 16,982), of No. 92 Albion-street, Annandale, Commercial Traveller. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 6th day of June, 1906, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 2nd day of June, 1906:—Re JOHN McMULLEN (No. 16,983), of No. 1 Grosvenor-street, Neutral Bay, late of Chatswood, Commercial Traveller; re FREDERICK WILLIAM MARSHALL (No. 16,984), of 20 Bayswater-road, Darlinghurst, late of 23 Jamieson-street, Sydney, Medical Practitioner. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4c-45)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM DAVIDSON, late of Dubbo, in the State of New South Wales, Builder, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth and Final Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the second day of July, at 12 o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is hereby also given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executor. Dated this 24th day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. C. H. FITZGERALD, Proctor, Dubbo. By PIGOTT and STINSON, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELLIS FREDERICK LEATHWICK ROBINSON, late of Guildford, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the nineteenth day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Administrator. Dated this twenty-fourth day of May, in the year one thousand and nine hundred and six. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. BUCHANAN and SMITHERS, Proctors for Administrators, 2 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES HENRY WHEELER, formerly of Daylesford, in the State of Victoria, but lately of Kyalyte, Deniliquin, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probates, and Administration Act, 1898, NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased (who died on the 11th August, 1904) are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate to Mr. DAVID MOSS MYERS, of Norwich-chambers, 58 Hunter-street, Sydney, the Proctor for SARAH CATHERINE WHEELER, GEORGE WILLIAM PARKER, and ALFRED NICHOLAS HOPKINS, the Executrix and Executors of the Will of the said deceased, before the 16th day of July next; in default whereof the said Executrix and Executors will, after the lastmentioned date, proceed to administer the Estate, and distribute the Assets amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and the said Executrix and Executors will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 22nd day of May, 1906. DAVID MOSS MYERS, Proctor for the Executrix and Executors, Norwich-chambers, 58 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of REES JONES, late of Woodlands, Berridale, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Second Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said Office on or before the second day of July next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors of the Will of the abovenamed deceased. Dated this twenty-fourth day of May, 1906. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. BLAXLAND, MAWSON, and ROSE, Proctors for the Executors, Cooma. By ICETON and FAITHFULL, their Agents, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM McLAREN, late of Blakebrook, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALEXANDER WALLS, of Knockrow, in the State aforesaid, Farmer, the Executor in the said Will named; and all notices may be served at and all claims should be sent to the office of the undersigned. GEORGE BENNETT SOMERVILLE, Proctor for the Applicant, Lismore. By his Agents, SLY and RUSSELL, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of CHARLES JAMES MILLARD, late of Junee, in the State of New South Wales, Brickmaker, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, with the will annexed, may be granted to ELLEN CROWTHER, Wife of ARTHUR LEOPOLD CROWTHER, of Junee aforesaid, Labourer, a Daughter of the said deceased. All Accounts due by deceased should be forwarded to the undersigned within the period aforesaid, at whose offices all notices herein may be served. Dated this 22nd day of May, A.D. 1906. F. A. COMMINS, Proctor for Administratrix, Junee. By his Agent, J. B. GARLAND, 56 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HANNAH WARNE STOKES, late of Leichhardt, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to AMOS SARGENT PARISH, the Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the Estate are to be sent forthwith. Dated this 24th day of May, A.D. 1906. AUBREY HALLORAN, Proctor for Executor, Savings Bank-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDWARD JONES, late of Meek's-road, Marrickville, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Plasterer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to BESSIE ANSTICE JONES, the Executrix named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, and all Creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned within the abovementioned fourteen days. GEORGE ALFRED RAVES, Solicitor for the Executrix, 108 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MICHAEL SWEENEY, late of Cherry Tree Hill, Yamma, near Forbes, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN McAULIFFE, the Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the Office of the undersigned. All persons having any claim against the Estate of the said deceased are requested to forward particulars of same immediately to HERBERT VICTOR O'HALLORAN, Proctor for the said Executor, Richardson's-buildings, Templar-street, Forbes. By his Agent, S. E. COOK, 165 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Take Notice that I, NORMAN COX ROWLING, of Stradbroke, Walker-street, North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to Robert George Dundas Fitzgerald, of Muswellbrook, in the said State, Solicitor, and during the past two years residing at Petersham, Sydney, and at Stradbroke aforesaid, do intend to apply on the last day of the present term to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this 22nd day of May, A.D., 1906. N. C. ROWLING.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, SYDNEY WILLIAM CURTIS, for the past two years residing at Onslow-street, South Perth, Western Australia, and at Graylands, Manly, formerly serving under Articles of Clerkship to GEORGE MASSETT LAURENCE, of Sydney, Solicitor, and subsequently to HENRY ERNEST MITCHELMORE, of Wagga Wagga, Solicitor, intend to apply on the last day of the present Term to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this honorable Court. Dated this twenty-second day of May, 1906. SYD. W. CURTIS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, JAMES BARR MOFFATT, at present and for the past two years residing at Caloundra, Mandelong-road, Mosman, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to Herbert Edgar McIntosh, of Sydney, solicitor, do intend on the last day of the present term to apply to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honorable Court.

Dated this twenty-second day of May, A.D. 1906.

J. B. MOFFATT.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Take NOTICE that I, THOMAS TORPEY, at present, and for the past two years, residing in Cleary-street, Hamilton, near Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, and lately, and for the full term of five years, serving Articles of Clerkship with Mr. James Dart, of 17 Bolton-street, Newcastle aforesaid, Solicitor, do intend on the last day of the present term to apply to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this twenty-third day of May, A.D. 1906. THOMAS TORPEY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, ARTHUR MITCHELL BLAIR, now and for the past two years and upwards residing at Number Eleven Campbell-street, Balmain, near Sydney, and lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to Mr. Robert Delmage Moffitt, of Mutual Life Association-buildings, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney, Solicitor, DO INTEND on the last day of this present term to apply to be admitted a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Dated this twenty-second day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six.

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Accompanying these Pictures are concise histories of the

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Lists of the Officers of the Squadron, the war record of those who were with us on the last visit and their fate, a letter from Admiral Kamimura on the former visit, war histories of the present Admiral and officers. There are also a number of

SPECIAL ARTICLES ON JAPANESE SUBJECTS,

by expert writers, peculiarly appropriate just now.

Colonel Geo. W. Bell writes on "The Japanese Judiciary." | Miss Zaida Ben-Yusuf writes on "Gozen, the Food of Japan." | "J.F.B." writes on "Japanese Sidelights from Literature."

And there is

A Touching Japanese War Story, "O MME SAN,"

by A. HERBAGE EDWARDS, Author of "Kakemono."

Some Photographs received by the Moana depict

THE DESTRUCTION OF SAN FRANCISCO,

and illustrate graphically the terrible havoc wrought by earthquake and fire.

THE PERIL IN SOUTH AFRICA

has become accentuated during the week, and so the pictures of Colonel McKenzie's operations in Zululand are particularly timely. They are accompanied by special articles, including one by Mr. Joseph Earle Herman, a recent arrival from the seat of disturbance, who is familiar with its peculiar phases and the notabilities of South African politics.

For the past week the outstanding figure has been

THE NEW ZEALAND PREMIER, MR. R. J. SEDDON.

A page is devoted to illustrating phases of his visit by means of portraits and "snapshots," which will have interest to many, and there is reproduced AN IMPORTANT PRONOUNCEMENT by Mr. Seddon, in which he goes fully into the GREAT GRADING QUESTION as it affects Australians. Mr. Seddon's views thus confided to a "Mail" expert are of the utmost value to all interested in the Butter trade here.

SHOWS AND PICNIC RACES.

At Dubbo, Wellington, Cootamundra, there have been shows or races, and these are illustrated and described. So is a quaint and pretty conceit of an arch at Orange, through which the school children looked out from a frame of greenery. There are also pictures relating to Dairying on the Macleay.

NEWCASTLE MATTERS.

A picture of Newcastle Hospital and the nursing staff, also one relating to the recent creep, will be found among those given.

PORTRAITS

Include those of the late Mr. Chas. Bull, the late Mr. Harry Evans, Miss Zaida Ben-Yusuf, the late Captain Ellis, Mr. J. E. Hermann, Mr. G. H. Knibbs, Mr. Jas. Macreadie, Mr. Andrew Christie, Mr. Frank Wilson (W.A.), the Mayor and Mayoress of Wagga and of Mudgee, Rev. Kemp Bruce, J. C. McDougall, Mayor of Randwick, Dr. C. Ishikawa, Ph.D., the late Daniel Gowing.

THE POULTRY SHOW

has devoted to it a page of pictures of the prize-winning fowls. Now that there is so much interest in poultry this should prove attractive to many.

Then there is the feature of

PROMINENT RUGBY FOOTBALLERS,

those given this week being Peter H. Burge, Joseph McMahon, Peter Moir, and Albert Conlon.

THE FIRE BRIGADES' CONFERENCE

which sat in Sydney last week is also illustrated and specially described.

OLD MAITLAND RECOLLECTIONS.

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The "Short Story" of the week is a station tale, "Not Thorough," by "L." For "Young Folks" Miss Mack writes of "The Wagtails," and there is much original verse, and the customary Serial Story, among the general features.

Altogether this issue is

FULL OF INTEREST

and is sure to rival in demand that of last week, which was speedily "sold out," therefore early application will be necessary.

PRICE—SIXPENCE.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Estate of JAMES HENRY DALEY, late of Cobbora, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration cum testamento annexo, durante minore aetate, of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM HESSION, of Killarney, near Windsor, in the State aforesaid, Sawmill Proprietor, the duly elected Guardian of the Infant Children of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. CHARLES DEVENISH MEARES, Proctor for the Administrator, Market-street, Mudgee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SARAH ALEXANDER, late of Victoria-street, Ashfield, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDWARD MANICOMBE FARLEIGH, the Executor named in the said Will; and all Creditors and others persons having any debt or claim upon the Estate of the said deceased are required to send in particulars of claim to the undersigned within such fourteen days; and all Notices may be served at the office of WILLIAM CARNEGIE CLEGG, Proctor for Executor, 53 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is intended to be made to the Synod of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Sydney, at its next Session, by the Most Reverend the ARCHBISHOP of SYDNEY, and by the Venerable ARCHDEACON JOHN DOUSE LANGLEY, the Rev. ALFRED YARNOLD, and Messrs. W. L. DOCKER, H. B. ALLARD, and H. B. COWPER (the Finance Committee of the Church Society of the Diocese of Sydney), for an Ordinance to authorise the sale of certain land comprising twenty-five acres or thereabouts, situated at Concord, near the Concord Railway Station, and known as Loredale, which was devised by the Will of the late EMILY SUSANNAH LOVE, to the Trustees of the Sydney Church Society to be applied by them for the objects of the Society, and to provide for the Application of the proceeds of the sale thereof. Dated this twenty-fourth day of May, 1906. RUSSELL and RUSSELL, Solicitors for the Applicants, 379B George-street, Sydney.

SPECIAL CAUTION.—STEARINE CANDLES OF THE STEARINE CANDLE MANUFACTURING CO., "APOLLO," IN SCHIEDAM, HOLLAND.
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A.M.P. AUDITORSHIP.
Mr. H. C. BRIERLEY, F.I.A.V., F.F.I.A., Incorporated Accountant since 1891,
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PUBLIC NOTICE.—I, the undersigned, will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted in my name without my written authority, on and after the 25th inst. THOS. CHAS. HICKMAN.

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CHAPTER XX.
A VERY TIGHT CORNER.

The suspense of the two or three moments which followed the entrance of the pair constituted an ordeal not to be forgotten. That Volna mastered herself sufficiently to pass through it without a sign or sound, was the greatest proof of her courage she could have given.

It was less trying for me. I had witnessed the woman's former visit, and, despite her ominous whisper to her husband, had come to the conclusion that no attempt was to be made on our lives. Moreover I was armed. But Volna knew nothing of this. I had only been able to whisper a hurried and very indefinite warning to her, calculated, despite my assurance, to work up her fears to a high strain.

They stood still for some moments; the man slightly in front of his wife, who set a candle she was carrying down behind her. The faces of both then caught the red gleam from the embers of the fire; and so evil looking a couple I hope never to see again.

The man's long thin cunning face was strained and intense, and his narrow treacherous eyes glanced from me to Volna and back from Volna to me, as if in doubt which to attack first. Just behind him stood the tall, gaunt, and angular form of the woman inciting him; her eyes gleaming with excitement, her lips parted and drawn in a snarl to one side, and every line, cicatrice, and seam of her scarred repulsive features brought into strong relief by the ruddy gleam of the log fire. She looked a veritable hag of evil, utterly detestable, deadly, and loathsome.

"The man first," she whispered, jogging her accomplice.

He glanced half round to her, irritably, and then I saw that he was carrying a length of cord.

He began to creep slowly toward me until Volna, as she confessed afterwards, could endure it no longer. She sprang up and called me.

In another moment I was on my feet; and before the two could recover from their astonishment, I sprang past them, slammed the door, and set my back against it, my hand on my revolver.

"Now perhaps you'll tell me what this means?"

The woman was for fighting, and stood at bay like a beast just robbed of its intended victim. But the man was of poorer stuff, and cowered ashen white and speechless.

"Mayn't we move about our own house?" asked the woman. "Ivan, if you're a man, you won't stand this."

But Ivan had no sort of fight in him. He clapped his hands to his face and sank into my chair by the fire. The hag looked his way, and swore at him with a snarl of contempt.

"Come, now, what does this mean?"

"It means that if you don't like it, you can clear out, the pair of you;" and she turned fiercely on Volna. "Coming here with your lies about being lost, and wanting to rob poor and honest folk, and then trumping up a lying accusation. Who are you, I'd like to know."

Her assurance was as brazen as her courage was unquestionable; I own I was at a loss what to do.

"That won't do with me. Your one chance is to tell the truth," I said.

"You're a man, aren't you, to call a woman a liar? Do you hear that, Ivan?" and she went to him and shook him. "Get up, pig; don't sit shaking there when you hear me abused by this thief of the night." She hauled him to his feet; and Volna took the opportunity of crossing to my side.

"You mustn't talk like that here," he said, with a sort of hang-dog manner.

"I'd rather talk to you than to the woman there. Now you——"

"Your hear that, Ivan. Strike him for that. You deal with him, and I'll look after the wench." She pushed toward me, and seemed for the moment to infect him with some of her own desperate courage.

"If you don't like it, go," he said.

"No, they shan't go now," interrupted the fury. "We daren't let them go now, you fool. You know. Go on."

He still hung back, however, and then she suddenly wrenched open a drawer and took out a formidable looking chopper.

"Here, Ivan, now will you do it? Down with the man, and leave the wench to me. It will be death if we don't do it and get away."

The remnants of his courage awoke when he felt the weapon in his hand; and I heard Volna catch her breath at the look which gradually stole into his beady, cruel eyes, as he looked at me.

Goaded by the woman's taunts and the fear thoughts which her words had started, he took a couple of stealthy steps toward me, while the woman went round the table to reach Volna.

Just as he was raising his weapon to rush at me, I whipped my revolver out and covered him.

"Drop that, you murderous devil," I cried, in a ringing tone.

With a cry of fear he started back, and let the chopper fall on the brick floor. In a moment I had possession of it, and handed my pistol to Volna.

"If she moves use it," I said.

But the sudden turning of the tables had knocked the fight even out of the virago of a woman. The man no longer counted. He stumbled back and cowered against the wall, getting as far away from me as possible, and just stared at me beside himself with fright.

"Now we can talk," I said.

"We didn't mean anything," declared the woman. "We were only trying to frighten you so that we might get safely out of the room. I'm sure I tried to do all I could for you; giving you food and——"

"That'll do. Go to that end of the room." She obeyed me. "Now answer my questions. Why did you come stealing into the room just now—before this time?"

"I only wanted to see you were all right and to fetch the lamp. I've done my best for you," she murmured in a whining, canting, fawning tone.

"You won't answer, eh? Well, I'll give your man a chance. Now you, tell me what was that rope for you brought in?"

The woman tried to reply, but I silenced her. The man glared at me speechless and helpless.

"Your only chance is to tell the truth. You were going to tie me up with it? Confess."

"No, no, no," he gasped through his pallid lips.

"Your had two ropes; one for me and one for my sister here."

"No, no, no," he repeated.

"You know I speak the truth. But if you won't confess that, tell me why you drugged that coffee you gave me."

The woman broke out again, declaring by all the saints that I must be mad to ask such a question. The man only gazed stupidly at me in silence.

"Let him drink it then," said Volna; and the woman's start at the shrewd suggestion told me that it had struck home.

"Yes, that's the test," I agreed readily. "Will you get that jug?"

Volna took out the jug and poured the coffee back into the cups.

They both watched her intently as she did this, turning now and then from her to me, with swift glances of speculative fear.

"Now, if this is not drugged or poisoned, drink it;" and I took one of the cups and held it toward the man; "Quick," I cried, so sternly, that he trembled. His eyes were everywhere except on my face, and his lips moved convulsively.

"Drink it, fool," said the woman with a sneer.

He stretched out his hand toward the cup, and then with a swift gesture struck at it and dashed it to the ground.

"I knew it. I need no more proof," I declared.

"I'll drink it," cried the woman, making a snatch at the cup on the table. But I caught her hand, and Volna took away the cup.

"No, no, that is for the police," I said.

At the mention of the police an angry oath leapt from her lips and she strove desperately to wrench her hand from my grip to get the cup. I had to use some violence to thrust her back.

Foiled in the effort to destroy the traces of the drug, her rage completely mastered her; and being unable to vent it upon us, she turned upon the man. With a running accompaniment of abuse and reproaches as the cause of the trouble she seized him and shook him till his teeth rattled like castanets, and then clouted and kicked him and tore at him with her nails like a fiend incarnate until he fell huddled up on the floor howling to her to stop.

Volna opened the door and went out to escape the din and repulsive sight and then called me hurriedly.

In a moment the whole infernal scheme of the two was made clear. The heavy burden which we had heard set down outside the door and which had so puzzled me was explained, as well as the mysterious rustling which had set me wondering.

The one was a cask half full of petroleum; the other a huge heap of shavings, chips, and hay, ready saturated with petroleum.

"They meant to bind us in our sleep and fire the house. I did not think there could be such fiends," said Volna, trembling.

It was too obvious to question. The heap of shavings laid ready for lighting told its own story; and with the petroleum thrown into the room where we were to have been left bound and unconscious, nothing could have saved us.

Volna clung to my arm faint and cold with the horror of it. "Let us go," she whispered.

"That was why the woman was dressed to go out. I see it now. That fear of hers of the police, the noise we heard outside; they were expecting the police and meant to fly on our horses. Such devils ought not to be allowed to escape."

But it was obvious we dared not run the risk of denouncing them.

"Let us go," said Volna again. "The very air of the place makes me faint and ill."

I went back into the room.

"I have found out all your infernal scheme. Get out of here, and keep out of my sight, lest I take the law into my own hands;" and I drew the revolver again to emphasise my words.

The man was seemingly afraid to move; so I dragged him to his feet, hauled him to the door and flung him down in the passage. "Upstairs with you, and if I catch so much as a glimpse of you I'll shoot you like the murderous skunk you are."

He crawled away from my feet and slunk up the creaking staircase shaking in every limb and casting frightened glances behind him.

"What are you going to do?" asked the woman coming to the door.

"Hold your tongue," I thundered. "Go to the villain you egged on to do this thing. Quick, or——" She was scared by my rage and went without another word.

"Shall I change?" asked Volna.

I nodded. "And bring me my things. I'll stop on guard here."

I heard the two muttering and wrangling in the room above; but neither made any attempt to come down; and in some few minutes we were ready.

"We'll go together and get the horses," I said to Volna; and was in the act of opening the door when I started involuntarily as someone beat a loud peremptory summons on the panel.

"Open the door there, open," called a voice.

Volna started and clutched my arm. "What shall we do?"

If it was the police, we were caught like rats in a trap.

"We must brazen it out," I said.

"The papers?" she whispered. The knocking was repeated more loudly and insistently than before. "Open there, at once. I say."

"See if there's fire enough to burn them."

She ran back into the room.

"Who is there?" I called.

"The police. Open or we shall break in."

To show hesitation would be fatal. So I unfastened the door and threw it open.

At that moment, Volna came back and shook her head.

Two men entered. "You are our prisoners," cried the first comer. "If you resist the consequences will be on your heads."

"We don't resist. I'm glad you've come."

They seized and held us both; the man who took me snatching the revolver which was still in my hand.

"Ah, a police weapon," he said, significantly, and showed it to his companion, who appeared to be in command.

"Search them both for any more weapons," came the order, sharp and ringing.

"Wait a moment. There is a mistake here," I said.

"You've made it then, in letting us net you so easily;" then they both laughed.

"What is the charge against us?" I asked.

It was about as tight a corner as fate in an ill-natured mood could have devised for us.

(To be Continued.)

ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS.

LETTER FROM THE AGENT-GENERAL.

In a letter received by the Premier from the Agent-General, the prospects of getting a desirable class of immigrants from the agriculturists of the old country are very hopefully spoken of.

Mr. Coghlan remarks:—"The concessions made by the shipping companies are very substantial, in fact, on the £21 two-berth cabin a concession of £5 is made for every £4 allowed by the Government. . . . With regard to this question I should like to say that we are in communication with a number of farmers who have expressed their intention of going out to New South Wales, but several of them have to give notice to their landlords that they will quit at a certain date. Some of them have to give as much as a year's notice, while others have intimated that they have given notice to leave at Michaelmast, after which they will proceed to New South Wales. . . We have done an immense amount of preparatory work, which has to a marked extent changed the public feeling in England with regard to the wishes of New South Wales and its desire for settlers. . . . Briefly speaking, it may interest you to know that 131 settlers have gone out during the last few months under the auspices of this department and the amount of capital they state they have taken with them to commence work upon has amounted to £20,146. We have assisted the majority of these people at a total cost of a little under £3 per head, the sum expended having amounted to £340. The reduced fares have had a very favourable effect towards carrying out the desires of the Government, and if the vote is continued I am confident that next year most advantageous results will be achieved. . . . During the last few weeks I have persuaded the shipping companies to pay a bonus to their country agents for all desirable settlers they may get for us. It is now in the interests of these people to advertise, in every way they can, the resources of New South Wales, and already their work is beginning to tell."

Mr. Anderson, Director of the Intelligence Department, says that many of the men who have come out as assisted immigrants have either leased farms or gone farming on shares. A considerable number have been sent out as farm labourers, their desire being to learn the methods of Australian farming before acquiring holdings of their own. A good class of immigrant, Mr. Anderson says, is the young man who comes to Australia with the object of learning farming, with the assurance that as soon as he can master the intricacies of the business his parents will provide ample funds to enable him to become a settler. And quite a number of men of this stamp have arrived. Some of the immigrants are farm labourers, who, having saved a little money, hope to become landholders themselves. No difficulty has been found in placing the arrivals, in spite of the fact that each has his own peculiar ideas about what he would like. Those who desire to take up Crown lands have to take their chances as anyone else, and the only difference made with respect to assisted immigrants is that in the event of a man purchasing property in the country he is allowed reduced rates on the railway, and his family and goods to his new home. Seven English farmers secured blocks on the Myall Creek estate, and they are all satisfied with their prospects. Unfortunately, some of them have not sufficient capital to fully develop the holdings, and will have a struggle for some time, though they have plenty of energy and hope, and expect to make a success of the venture in the long run.

DARKNESS IN GEORGE-STREET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—On arriving at Redfern railway station at 5.30 this morning I took a cab, and, driving into George-street West, found it in total darkness—except the lights in front of the trams, which made the darkness on each side more opaque, and the glare from them dazzled the eyes so that the driver could not see if the road was clear. He only walked his horse, but he had several very close shaves, only taking the paint off once, but a serious accident might have occurred, and the corporation of Sydney be liable.

Although George-street was in darkness—except two long lines of lamps like glow-worms, making it more confusing—I noticed the narrow streets leading out of it were lighted.

The streets at the Glebe, Camperdown, and Annandale were all lighted as I passed through, and continued so till sunrise at 6.30. But why George-street, with its greater traffic, should not be lighted an hour before sunrise requires explanation. I am, etc.,

JOHN YOUNG.

Kentville, Annandale, May 24.

SERIOUS CHANCES

ARE TAKEN IN NEGLECTING A SIMPLE CASE OF PILES.

Any person takes serious chances in neglecting an attack of piles. This ailment has a tendency to become chronic, and there is also a further tendency to ulceration and forming of fistula, which we know are most difficult to cure.

The safest remedy for any form of piles, whether itching, bleeding, blind, or protruding piles, is Doan's Ointment. In using it there is no detention from daily occupation, and the many cures made by it have made it famous in every corner of the world. It enjoys a greater demand and more enthusiastic popularity than any other pile remedy ever placed upon the market.

Mr. Joseph Holland, 222 Cleveland-street, city, states:—"The advertisement that is published from time to time in Sydney papers to the effect that Doan's Ointment cured me of itching piles is quite true. Before I used Doan's Ointment I thought I would never get a remedy to do me any good. I had suffered with piles for seven years, and they caused me intense pain, and a most teasing irritation. It is two years ago since I made the statement, and if Doan's Ointment wasn't a real good thing I would have had some return of the trouble—instead I am as free from Itching Piles as when I made the statement. It is a marvellous Ointment. Anybody may rely on it giving absolute ease."

Doan's Ointment is sold by all chemists and storekeepers at 2s 9d per pot, or will be posted on receipt of price by Foster-McClellan Co., 76 Pitt-street, Sydney.
Remember the name—DOAN'S.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, MAY 24.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice Barton, and Mr. Justice O'Connor.)

APPEAL ALLOWED.

COMMISSION TO TAKE EVIDENCE.

Willis and another v Trequair.

Mr. Knox, K.C., and Mr. Maughan, instructed by Mr. F. Y. Wilson, appeared for the appellant Mary Willis; Mr. Knox, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Simpson and Petrie, for the appellant Patrick Rea; and Mr. Langer Owen, K.C., and Mr. Cecil White, instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co., for the respondent, G. E. Trequair. Mr. Nathan appeared to watch on behalf of W. N. Willis.

The Court gave its reserved judgment in this case, which was an appeal from an order of the Full Court given on February 20, which set aside an order of the Chief Judge in Equity, dated November 30, 1905, granting an order for the issue of a Commission on behalf of the defendants for the examination of the defendant W. N. Willis, in Natal, respecting a matter at issue in the Equity Court between the parties.

The Chief Justice, in pronouncing the judgment of the Court, said that the Full Court revised an order of summons granting permission to examine one of the defendants in South Africa. The present appeal was made by the two other defendants, who had appeared and defended independently. The ground of appeal was that these appellant defendants were not in a position to procure the attendance of the first defendant, W. N. Willis, who was in South Africa, and that he was a material witness for their case. The Court thought that the rule laid down by the New South Wales Supreme Court in the case of Williams and Mutual Life Association was the correct one, with a modification which he thought the learned Judges intended. The rule laid down by the Supreme Court was put thus:—"I am therefore prepared to lay down this principle—that as soon as a plaintiff shows to the satisfaction of the Court that a witness is out of the jurisdiction of the Court, and his evidence is material, and the Court has no power to enforce his attendance, it is bound to exercise its discretion—unless the other side can establish to the satisfaction of the Court that the witness can and will attend." Mr. Justice Simpson applied that rule, using slightly different language. The modification to be observed in the rule referred to was—"That either party asking for the commission must establish to the satisfaction of the Court that he cannot procure the witness." That was the general rule, to which, of course, there might be exceptions. The question for consideration was whether the other two defendants were entitled to the absent defendant's evidence, or were to be deprived of it, and compelled to go to trial without it? That he was a material witness was not disputed; nor was it disputed that his attendance could not be procured. It was, therefore, a question of whether the other defendants should be compelled to go to trial without an opportunity of proving their cause. The Court's opinion was that the order of summons was correctly made out, and that the appeal should be allowed, with costs, against the respondent, and the order of summons restored.

By arrangement between the parties, it was ordered that the commission lie in Court for a month—either party to have liberty to apply for leave to extend that term, on the ground of the immediate probability of W. N. Willis's return.

SPECIAL LEAVE REFUSED.

DOCTOR v PATIENT.

Nevell v Howse.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Peden, instructed by Mr. J. T. Ralston, asked for special leave to appeal from a judgment of the State Supreme Court, given on May 3, making absolute a rule nisi to enter a verdict for the defendant, Dr. Howse. The plaintiff, Elizabeth Mary Nevell, recovered a verdict for £50 in the lower court, before a jury.

From the statement made by Mr. Ferguson to the Court, it appeared that the defendant operated on Miss Nevell for hydatids in a private hospital at Orange. Upon operation, it turned out that the diagnosis was wrong. The patient collapsed, and was with difficulty restored. Upon her restoration it was found that one leg had been severely burnt through the carelessness of defendant's servants in leaving a hot water bottle against the limb during operation, which had laid her up for months, and resulted in permanent disablement.

The Court dismissed the application, holding that there was no important point of law involved. The Chief Justice said it was not the practice of the Court to grant special leave on questions of fact, and that the Court below had held there was no evidence of negligence.

IMPORTANT LEGAL POINT.

A MATRIMONIAL MATTER.

Brown v Brown.

Mr. Mitchell, instructed by Mr. W. D. Schrader, moved for special leave to appeal against an order of the Supreme Court in matrimonial jurisdiction, dated May 8, 1906.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the order was made under section 60 of the Matrimonial Causes Act of 1899, and declared:—(1) That the appellant, Thomas Edwin Brown, was the father of a certain child named Mary Philomina Brown; (2) that custody of the child should be given to Mary Brown, the mother; (3) that the husband should pay 5s per week for the child till she reached the age of 16 years; and (4) varying the conditions under a decree dated March 24, 1904, for judicial separation with respect to the wife's right of access to the other children of the marriage. The decree of March 24 was a consent decree, made by the Court after the wife had withdrawn all charges. His contention was that there was no foundation for the decree, and the substance of the application was that the Court could not make an order under section 60, having no jurisdiction to make a decree for judicial separation, by consent, after all the charges were withdrawn; and assuming that the Court could make an order for judicial separation by consent, then it could not subsequently make another order varying the decree against the will of one of the parties. The point of law involved was important as the Court had made such decrees for a number of years.

Special leave was granted as asked.

PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT QUESTION.

P. AND O. CAPTAIN APPEALS.

Preston v Donohoe (part heard).

Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. Pollock, instructed by Messrs. Bradley and Sons, appeared for the appellant, Charles Frederick Preston, captain of the steamship Mongolia; and Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Blacket, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the respondent, Inspector Donohoe.

Further argument was heard in this case, which is an appeal from a decision of Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., in which he convicted the captain of an offence against the Commonwealth Immigration laws, and fined him £100.

The case stands part heard.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Pring.)

ADMISSION OF BARRISTERS.

The following gentlemen, having passed the necessary examinations, were admitted to the Bar of New South Wales:—Mr. David Wilson, M.A. and LL.B. of the Sydney University (on the motion of Mr. Ferguson); Mr. Oswald Carey Slade, B.A. and LL.B. of the Sydney University (on the motion of Mr. Watt); and Mr. Charles O'Connor Murray, B.A. and LL.B. of the Sydney University, and son of Judge Murray (on the motion of Mr. Shephard).

APPEAL AGAINST A WARDEN'S ORDER.

Re G. Biggins (C. H. Packard and another respondents).

Mr. Lamb, instructed by Mr. John R. Edwards, of Broken Hill (by his agents, Messrs. Pigott and Stinson), appeared for George Biggins, of Broken Hill, prospector, and moved for a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain Charles Harrison Packard, of Broken Hill, labourer, and George Stevenson, warden of the Broken Hill division of the Albert goldfield, from further proceeding upon an order made by the warden on May 10 last. Counsel stated that it appeared from the affidavit of applicant that he is the holder of a mineral license, and in December, 1905, he took possession of 40 acres of land at Yancowinna, near Broken Hill, for the purpose of searching for minerals other than gold or opal. On May 3 last he received a letter from Packard stating, "I intend applying to the Warden's Court, to be held at Broken Hill on May 10, for possession of the mine known as the Black Prince, as you have not complied with the labour conditions of the Mining Act." The applicant took no notice of the letter, it not being a summons under the Act, and he received no summons subsequently. On the date stated, and in his absence, the warden made an order declaring that he had abandoned the mineral prospecting area, and declared his title to be forfeited; and he authorised Packard to take possession of and occupy the land. The regulation under which the warden purported to act was No. 7 of May 28, 1896, with respect to labour conditions and continuous prospecting, but that was not inconsistent with section 70, which provided that before the warden could adjudicate there must be a summons. Biggins now appealed on the grounds—(1) that the order was contrary to natural justice, inasmuch as no summons was issued; (2) that there was no evidence that the land was within the mining district of Broken Hill.

Rule granted, and made returnable next Term.

BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, the name of Mr. Ernest William Warren, a member of the Bar, was, at his own request, removed from the roll of barristers, and he was admitted to practice as a solicitor.

A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

Re Edward Weekley and another (H. Hocking and another, respondents).

Mr. Watt (instructed by Mr. W. H. Askinson) appeared for Edward Weekley and Mary Weekeley, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain Henry Hocking, trading as H. Hocking and Company, wine and spirit merchants, and E. H. Wilshire, S.M., from proceeding further upon an order made by the magistrate named. Mr. Leverrier (instructed by Mr. A. C. Roberts) appeared for respondent Hocking, to oppose the application. It appeared that the respondent summoned applicants to the Small Debts Court, held at the Central Police Court, for the recovery of the sum of £15 1s, amount of a judgment obtained in the District Court on May 23, 1905. The summons was heard before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., on March 27 last, when Mr. Atkinson, who appeared for the then defendants, objected to the jurisdiction of the Small Debts Court on the ground that no action would lie on a District Court judgment, and, further, that as the plaintiff had elected a statutory jurisdiction, he was bound by the remedies provided by such statute. The magistrate, however, decided that he had jurisdiction, and made an order for the payment of the amount claimed, with costs. Defendants now appealed on the grounds already stated. Mr. Leverrier raised the point that the grounds of appeal did not go to the jurisdiction, but to the cause of action, and, that being so, the Court, not being a Court of Appeal from the Small Debts Court, could not review the decision of the magistrate, though it might be wrong in law.

After argument,

The Chief Justice said that the plaintiff in the case sought to enforce a judgment obtained in the District Court by bringing it before the Small Debts Court. The summons disclosed the fact that the action was upon a judgment of the District Court, and the moment that magistrate saw the summons he ought to have decided that he had no jurisdiction to try the action. No cause of action arose over which the Small Debts Court, or indeed the Supreme Court, had jurisdiction. The authorities on the point were abundant, and very clear, and they laid down the principle that where new rights were given by a statute, with specific remedies, the parties proceeding under the statute must be confined to those specific remedies. If the Court was compelled to hold otherwise, it might be productive of grave mischief.

Mr. Justice Cohen and Mr. Justice Pring concurred.

Rule absolute for a prohibition, with costs against respondent Hocking.

DIVORCE COURT APPEALS.

TRIAL BY DISTRICT COURT JUDGES.

Scifleet v Scifleet.

Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Mr. W. A. Windeyer, appeared for the petitioner in support of an appeal against an order of Mr. Justice Simpson, Judge in Divorce. Mr. Davidson, instructed by Mr. Reginald Sullivan (agent for Mr. George Davidson, of Mudgee), appeared for respondent to consent to any order made by the Court. It appeared that on the 18th instant an application was made to his Honor the Judge in Divorce to remit the questions of fact in the suit to be tried by a District Court Judge sitting at Mudgee. His Honor had refused the application, and in the course of his judgment said that the Legislature had, no doubt, given power to the Judge in Divorce to remit the issues in divorce suits to be tried in District Courts, but the responsibility of acting upon that power, of course, rested upon the Judge of the Divorce Court. No doubt, under the rules framed by the Divorce Court, District Court Judges might be asked to send a copy of their notes, but there were many matters about which the Judge in Divorce himself would like to make inquiries, in addition to the matters which simply appeared in the Judge's notes. Further, one could not say with certainty whether a permanent District Court Judge would preside at the particular district at which it was desired to have the issues tried. It might be that if he were to direct the issues here to be tried at the Mudgee District Court, the Judge presiding there would be a temporary Judge appointed for that particular session. He might have had no experience whatever in the trial of any cases, and certainly no experience whatever in the trial of issues in the Divorce Court. There were, arising in divorce proceedings, very important questions, which did not really appear upon the issues and in regard to which the duty was by law cast upon the Divorce Judge of inquiring into. The District Court Judge would only have power to try the issues. The Court must always be on its guard against collusion, and experience had satisfied him that there was collusion in a great many cases. He dismissed the application, and petitioner now appealed, Mr. Windeyer contending that the reason put forward by his Honor would be equally applicable to a Circuit Court Judge, except for the reason pointed out by his Honor that occasionally acting Judges were appointed to District Courts. It was therefore really no reason. The Legislature had said that a District Court was a proper tribunal to try divorce issues, and his Honor had no discretion to refuse an application like the present merely because he might think that a gentleman who was temporarily appointed a District Court Judge had not sufficient experience.

The Chief Justice: But as his Honor has pointed out, he always has an opportunity of consulting the Supreme Court Judges, whereas he might have a difficulty in doing so in regard to District Court Judges.

Mr. Windeyer contended that District Court Judges were quite competent to protect the rights of litigants, and also the rights of the public. He asked the Court to decide whether the reasons given by his Honor were sufficient reasons for making the Act of Parliament inoperative.

The Chief Justice, in delivering the decision of the Court, said that in the first instance the Legislature in passing the Matrimonial Causes Act vested the whole of the divorce jurisdiction in one of the Judges of the Supreme Court. Subsequently the Legislature passed an Act giving the Divorce Judge—who was responsible in all cases in regard to the final decree—a discretionary power to send suits down to be tried before a Judge in an assize town. At a later period the Legislature, seeing that in some cases there might be a denial of justice to parties who were not in a position to go to great expense, again intervened, and by the District Courts Act of 1905 they vested in the Divorce Judge a further discretion to remit cases for the consideration of District Court Judges. Now, he did not think there ought to be any distinction drawn between a Judge of Assize and a District Court Judge in this matter, and the Legislature had put them on the same footing. Therefore in any cases where the Divorce Judge would have exercised his discretion in sending a suit down to a Judge of Assize, he thought on sufficient facts being brought before him he ought also to exercise his discretion in sending a suit down to a District Court Judge. But, as was pointed out in the case of Snowball v Snowball, the Judge in Divorce, before he exercised his discretion, must have sufficient facts before him for his consideration. Now, the case before the Court, and before his Honor, was extremely bald. It was nothing more than a statement that both parties agreed that the case should be tried at Mudgee, and there was no material before the Judge to enable him to form any judgment in the matter. They knew that in some cases there was an apparent element of collusion or connivance; and it might be suggested that where his Honor exercised his discretion and sent a case to a District Court Judge he should ask how that, if there were any matters apparent to him in trying the issues, he should make a note of them on the record, so that his Honor's attention might be drawn to them. For instance, there might be no issue as to whether there had been collusion or connivance, and yet one or other might be apparent to the District Court Judge. In such a case it might be of great assistance to the Judge in Divorce in making his decree if a note was made of the matter. The present application must be dismissed, but without prejudice to the parties bringing a fresh application before the Divorce Judge upon facts which might justify his Honor in exercising his discretion.

SMITH v SMITH.

Mr. Parker, instructed by Mr. J. A. Boyd, of Inverell (by his agent, Mr. George H. Turner), appeared for petitioner, Jane Pyne Smith, in support of an appeal from the decision of the Judge in Divorce refusing to remit the trial of the issues in the suit for trial before a District Court Judge. There was no appearance on the part of respondent.

The reasons given by his Honor for refusing the application were somewhat similar to those in the preceding case, but the Court being of opinion that there were facts placed before his Honor which justified him in exercising his discretion, allowed the appeal, and directed the case to be tried at Inverell.

A PECULIAR CASE.

Re Grace G. Crampton and Martha Crampton (J. Cahalan and another, respondents)

Mr. Lamb and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. A. R. Cummins, of Condobolin (by his agent, Mr. C. M. Boyce), appeared for Grace Gertrude Crampton and Martha Crampton, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain John M'Kensey, P.M., of Forbes, and Police-sergeant John Cahalan, of Condobolin, from further proceeding upon an order made by the magistrate named under the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act. Mr. Windeyer, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for respondent Cahalan to show cause. Mr. Lamb stated that as both cases rested upon the same point, they could be heard together. Grace Gertrude Crampton, a girl of 12 years, was prosecuted before the Children's Court at Condobolin on February 24 last upon an information charging that, on January 14, she wilfully and maliciously set fire to natural grasses at the island, near Moonbi. She was convicted, and was committed to an institution under the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act; but, pending the decision of the Minister, she was placed in a shelter at Condobolin, under the charge of Constable Madden. In the case of Martha Crampton, aged 9 years, she set fire to a small patch of grass near her father's house, and she was also convicted, and committed to an institution. Applicants now appealed on the grounds—(1) that the magistrate had no jurisdiction to hear and determine the cases; (2) that inasmuch as defendant G. G. Crampton was under committal to the Court of Quarter Sessions, the magistrate had no power to hear the case; (3) that the charge was bad in not setting out to whom the grass belonged; (4) that there was no evidence before the magistrate which would justify him in committing defendants to an institution under section 26 of the Deserted Children and Juvenile Offenders Act; (5) that there was no evidence that the offence charged was committed within the jurisdiction of the magistrate; (6) that the evidence of James Kenny of the statement by Grace G. Crampton to him, which was reduced by Kenny to writing, was not admissible.

The case stands part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker).

CLAIM IN RESPECT OF SHARES.

DAILY TELEGRAPH COMPANY, Ltd., v. McLAUGHLIN.

Mr. Langer Owen, K.C., and Mr. D. Maughan (instructed by Messrs. Laurence and Laurence) appeared for plaintiff company; and Dr. Cullen and Mr. G. E. Rich (instructed by Mr. John McLaughlin, defendant, in person).

This was a suit brought by the "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper Company, Limited, against John McLaughlin, in connection with litigation which has taken place between the parties. Defendant held 118 shares in the company; and his wife, acting under a power of attorney, transferred 50 of the shares to one Walter Hussey Vivian, who, in turn, transferred them, with five new shares, to N. S. Cohen. Later on Mrs. McLaughlin transferred the balance of the shares to other persons. The proceeds of the sale of the shares, amounting to £4603 9s 5d, as stated by plaintiff company, was received by Mrs. McLaughlin, on defendant's behalf, and paid into his banking account. By a decision of the High Court, Mrs. McLaughlin's action in transferring the shares was declared invalid, and it was ordered that defendant's name should be reinstated on the register as holder of the shares on his giving an indemnity to the company against any loss in respect of the shares. Defendant had refused to indemnify them for the loss they had sustained.

Mr. Justice Walker, in giving his reserved judgment, said he held that the plaintiff company were entitled to the indemnity which they claimed. He thought, therefore, that they were entitled, under the 18th of their articles of association, to a lien for the £4603 9s 5d on the shares now held by the defendant, and to raise such lien, in the events which had happened, by a sale of such shares, or an adequate part thereof. It seemed to be settled that such articles covered the indebtedness of a shareholder of the company on any account, and were not limited to calls "or other" debts arising on or in respect of the shares. Dr. Cullen said this was a suit for specific performance, and that in such suit the defendant had set up equities to induce the Court not to act, but to leave the plaintiff to his remedy at law. Without dispute, this was a general proposition, but he could have no such equities here. Unilateral mistakes as to the construction or effect of an agreement, such mistake not being induced by the act of either party, afforded no such equity. Nor could he see from the evidence in this case that there was in effect any such mistake; nor, again, could he see what the defendant would gain by it. There must be a decree for the plaintiff company, as prayed, with costs.

SUIT AGAINST AN INSURANCE COMPANY.

EXTENSION OF BUSINESS TO ENGLAND.

Campbell v. the A.M.P.

Mr. Canaway (instructed by Mr. H. E. Ellison Rich) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. G. E. Rich (instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen) for the A.M.P. Society; and Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Clive Teece (instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen) for the board of directors of the society.

This was a suit brought by Gerald Ross Campbell, on behalf of himself and other members, against the Australian Mutual Provident Society, and the directors, Alfred William Meeks, James Thomas Walker, Benjamin Short, Reginald James Black, Frederick Earl Winchcombe, James Burns, and Rollo A. Cape, defendants.

The plaintiff, in his statement of claim, set out that at a special meeting of the society, held on March 9, to confirm certain proposed amendments with respect to the extension of the society's business to the United Kingdom, the chairman (Mr. Meeks) refused a request by the plaintiff to put the amendments seriatim, or to allow them to be discussed. During the discussion on the proposed amendments, the plaintiff moved the adjournment of the meeting. This motion was put to the meeting and lost. A demand for a ballot on the motion for adjournment was refused by the chairman. The proposed amendments were then put in globo, and were declared to be carried, and when a ballot was formally demanded the chairman directed that the ballot should be taken on March 13. At that ballot many votes were given by proxy against the confirmation of the proposed amendments. These proxies were tendered by plaintiff, and were disallowed on the ground that the proxy papers had not been produced at the head office not later than 5 p.m. on March 8. On March 14 the special meeting of March 9, which had been adjourned for the declaration of the result of the ballot, was resumed, and the chairman (Mr. Meeks) purported to declare that the amendments in the bylaws had been confirmed by 114,000 votes to 45,000 votes, or thereabouts, and that such amendments had been formally passed. The society made use of the machinery under its control for the purpose of preventing members sending in proxy papers against the proposed amendment, or withdrawing proxy papers already handed in in favour of the proposed amendments, and to those ends certain notices were published in January and March last. Plaintiff charged that the meetings and ballots held in January and in March were not meetings or ballots within the meaning of the society's acts and bylaws, and that the result of each ballot was determined by votes cast by the chairman in virtue of a certain block of proxy papers, the same not being votes within the meaning of the acts and bylaws of the society; and that the said block of proxy papers, in virtue of which the chairman cast the said votes, had been obtained by improper influence. Plaintiff also alleged that the directors, other than Rollo A. Cape, had illegally expended large sums out of the funds of the society with a view to obtaining the amendment of the bylaws as proposed by them. Plaintiff submitted that the new bylaw 5, and bylaws 31 and 32, sub-section 5, if amended, would be in opposition to the general scope and true interests and purpose of the society's acts, and the amendments, even if carried, would be invalid and outside the powers of the society to make. Plaintiff further submitted that the proposed amendments of the bylaws had not been finally passed by the members of the society in the manner required by the society's acts and bylaws, or at all, and that the amendment in subsection 2 of bylaw 32, whereby the words "or other" were to be struck out after the word "mineral," had not been finally passed, for the reason, in addition to others, that the hereinbefore mentioned block of proxy papers held by Mr. Meeks did not appoint him a proxy in respect of the said amendments. Plaintiff feared that unless restrained by the Court defendants would proceed to register the proposed new bylaw 5 and bylaws 31 and 32 respectively, with the hereinbefore mentioned amendments incorporated therein, as valid bylaws of the society, and would extend the business of the society to the United Kingdom. At the declaration of the ballot on March 14, the chairman announced that steps would immediately be taken to extend the operations of the society to the United Kingdom, and the plaintiff was informed, and believed, that with that object in view, certain expenses had been already incurred by the society.

Plaintiff therefore prayed that it might be declared that the proposed new bylaw and amendments were outside the power of the society to make; that they had not been finally passed within the meaning of the society's acts and bylaws; that defendants might be restrained from registering the said bylaw and amendments; that the directors, officers, and servants might be restrained from taking any action under the authority of the bylaws or amendments; that an account might be taken of the sums which had been illegally expended by the directors out of the funds of the society; and that they might be ordered to repay what might be found due.

The defendant company demurred to the statement of claim on the grounds following:—That plaintiff had not made such a case as entitled him to any relief against the society as to any of the matters contained in the statement of claim. 2. The proposed bylaw 5 and amendments in bylaws 31 and 32 were not outside the powers of the society to make. 3. The statement of claim disclosed no right in the plaintiff to sue in a Court of Equity, either in his own name or on behalf of other members of the society. 4. The new bylaw and the amendments being within the powers of the society, the relief sought by plaintiff could not be granted, except at the suit of the society itself, there being no allegations in the statement of claim of any fraud, illegality, or oppression committed or exercised by the directors or the majority of the members.

The defendant directors demurred in similar terms.

For the defendants it was argued that the proposal to go to England was not ultra vires; and if it was not ultra vires, then the plaintiff had no right to bring a suit in his own name. As to the other matters complained of in the statement of claim, they could not be complained of by a member, but only by the society itself.

The suit, which stands part heard, was adjourned to Tuesday.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

MOTION UNDER SECTION 61.

Re Thomas John Steel. The Registrar stated that bankrupt had consented at a meeting to pay 30s per month for three months, and then £2 per month. He therefore proposed to make an order accordingly, the first payment to be made on June 1. A letter was directed to be sent to the Under-Secretary for the Treasury at once. Adjourned to June 1.

HEARING OF PROOF OF DEBT.

Re Archibald Wilson, ex parte John Booth and Co. Mr. Maund appeared for bankrupt. As notice had not been given to the creditors, the matter was adjourned to May 30.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Ernest Samuel Dunkley. Bankrupt, examined by Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee, said his estate was sequestrated on February 13, and on February 23 he was ordered to pay over £11 to the official assignee. That represented money owing to him which he had collected, and which belonged to his estate. There was some delay in handing over the money, but he handed over £10 odd in two sums. He recollected that the official assignee then warned him that he (bankrupt) had no right to collect debts due to his estate. The official assignee told him they were assets in his estate, and belonged to his creditors. Since then he had collected further debts owing to his estate. He produced a statement showing debts collected to the amount of £5 13s 5d. The official assignee had applied to him several times for that money, but he had not paid it. He spent most of it. He knew he was doing wrong. He supposed he knew he was liable to be criminally punished. He was prepared to pay the money now. He now handed to the official assignee a cheque for £5 10s and 3s 5d in cash. He took notice now that if he collected any more of the debts he would be criminally prosecuted. He promised not to collect any more without the official assignee's authority. The examination closed.

Re Edmund George Gardiner. Mr. Garland appeared as counsel for the official assignee. As the principal witness was not present, the matter was, on the application of Mr. Garland, adjourned to May 25.

Re Alfred Ittal Brierley. Mr. R. H. L. Innes appeared as counsel for the official assignee. One witness was examined. Adjournment to May 31.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Futtah Deen. Bankrupt was further examined by the official assignee. Accounts were not filed. On the application of the official assignee, the matter was adjourned sine die.

Re Ralph Alleyne Millar, Henry James Stephens, and Richard Adrian. Bankrupt Adrian was sworn, and examined by the official assignee, on the application of whom the matter was adjourned to May 31.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Arthur Charles Bulmer, of West Wallsend, miner. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before the President.)

SECTION 12 APPLICATION.

In the matter of the Coast Trade Masters and Officers' Association v Captain Henry Benson, Mr. Rose, for the association, applied under section 12 for the re-opening of the issue. Mr. P. K. White, instructed by Mr. J. W. Abigail, appeared to oppose the application.

After hearing explanations, his Honor agreed to the re-opening of the issue.

Mr. Rose called the secretary of the association, who said the association was registered as a union in March, 1902. Benson had been charged with a liability for subscriptions amounting to £9 12s, but he had been given credit for £1 12s, which left a balance of £8, for which a verdict was now sought. Benson had joined the association in September, 1901, and there was no notice of any resignation on his part.

Respondent denied that he was a member of the registered union. He had joined the association when it was amongst themselves, and he said he had given notice of his resignation to a deceased secretary when it merged into a registered union. He admitted the secretary had waited upon him in Sydney. It was not to ask him to pay up that the secretary had called on him, but to ask him to rejoin the association.

His Honor (after hearing other evidence) said the case was a very unsatisfactory one, because it was difficult to be certain as to a right judgment. Without, however, saying anything about perjury, he had to look at the probabilities of the case, and he was not satisfied that the respondent had made out a case. He accordingly gave a verdict for the amount claimed, with 15s costs.

Captain Benson at once paid the money to the secretary of the union.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Murray.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown prosecutor.

ACQUITTED.

Joseph Hackett was found not guilty on a charge of assaulting Roger Bede Glass at Sydney, on March 31, and discharged forthwith.

A FIRST OFFENDER.

Dennison Gray, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery and uttering, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Goulburn gaol, and the sentence suspended under the provisions of the Crimes Act relating to first offenders.

ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Cecil Donald and Cuthbert Anderson were arraigned on a charge of breaking and entering the dwelling-house of William Heterick, at Marrickville, on April 21, and stealing therefrom 3s 1d in money.

The accused Donald, who had previously pleaded guilty, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, sentence to commence at the expiration of a six months' sentence he is already serving.

The accused Anderson pleaded not guilty, and was acquitted.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, MAY 25.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At 10.30 a.m.—For hearing: Preston v Donohoe, part heard; Gordon v Donohoe.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—Motions: Ex parte Grace Gertrude Crampton (prohibition), part heard; ex parte Martha Crampton (prohibition), part heard. Special cases: Chantler v Chantler, Dewar v the Excelsior Land Investment and Building Company and Bank, Limited. Demurrer: Magee v Wilson. District Court appeal: Price v Clack and others.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Deputy Registrar High Court of Australia: Broughall v Watson, 10.30 a.m.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Ex parte Shanassey, for delivery up of documents, etc.; Collins v Benjamin, for charging order; Rich v Hyman, for change of venue.

In Equity.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice Walker.—At 10.30 a.m.: Motions generally. Perpetual Trustee Company v Dale, originating summons; Phoenix Copper Mining Company and Companies Act, petition to wind up company; Minister for Works and Byrne, petition for payment out; Thos. Corbett and Trustee Act (C. J. Corbett and others), motion for payment out; A. F. Macaulay, deceased, and Trustee Act, petition for advice; Farrow v Nolan, motion for injunction; W. Kutnewsky and Companies Act, petition to wind up company; Macoun v Alcock, motion for decree; Ryan v Spinks, motion to dismiss suit; Stevenson v Manyon, further consideration; McNamara v Egan, further consideration; Redhead Coal-mining Company and Companies Act, petition to wind up company; re will of J. Reynolds and Trustee Act, motion for payment out; Greig v Crammond, motion for decree; re V. F. Booth and Equity Act, summons for maintenance; re John Booth and Equity Act, summons for maintenance. Before the Master in Equity.—At 12 noon: Bluejacket Gold-mining Company, to proceed. At 12.15 p.m.: John Brush and Conveyancing Act, to approve of lease. At 12.30 p.m.: Re M. Mackenzie, deceased, and C. J. N. Mackenzie, an infant, to approve of order; Ticehurst v Moore, to cross-examine witness.

Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Lee v McPhillamy, to settle minutes of order. At 11.15 a.m.: Howell v Marsh, Probate taxation. At 2 p.m.: N.S.W. Fresh Food and Ice Company v Thompson, to settle minutes of order.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Motion to annul sequestration order—Archibald Nowland. Creditors' petitions—Thomas Hooper and Alfred Harrison v Joseph C. Newman, Joseph Palmer and Son v John Dennis Ahearn. Examinations under section 30—Robert Saxby, Amy Ager Ross. At 12 noon: Edmund George Gardiner. Confirmation of accounts and plans. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Taxation of Official Assignee's costs—Theresa Quaimer. Taxation of petitioning creditors' costs—William Dunn.

In Lunacy.—Before the Master.—10.30 a.m.: Re an insane patient, examination on summons. 11.15 a.m.: Re an insane patient, conference.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members.—At the Equity Courthouse, Chancery-square.—At 10 a.m.: To prove jurisdiction—The Amalgamated Slaughtermen and Journeymen Butchers' Union of New South Wales, claimant, and the Carcase Butchers' Association, respondent; Lithgow District Smelters and Workers, claimant, and the Great Cobar Copper-mining Syndicate, respondent; the Laundry Employees' Union, claimant, and Parsons Brothers and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., respondents.

Industrial Arbitration Office.—In the Public Works Buildings, Phillip-street.—Before the Registrar.—At 10 a.m.: Re Wire Mattress Makers' award—To settle form of notice of common rule and directions as to advertising.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse.—Carter v Hyde (part heard), 11.30; Bell v Finegan and others, for judgment, noon. Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—Commissioners of Taxation v Smith, 10; Hallowes v Railway Commissioners of New South Wales, 10.30.

COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse and Assessors.—In No. 1 District Court, at 10 a.m.—Re the Buninyong and the Criffel, in tow of the Advance (part heard).

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Laura Beveridge, keeping a disorderly house; Robert Williams, stealing; Robert Franklin Wilson, larceny as a bailee.

FISHERIES MATTERS.

Major A. Spain presided at the meeting of the Fisheries Board on Wednesday, in the absence of the chairman (Mr. Frank Farnell), who is suffering from rheumatic fever.

The board decided, as the new pond for spawners at Jenolan will not be ready to receive trout this winter, to purchase 100,000 over from Auckland for treatment at the Prospect hatchery. The price for trout ova has been reduced by the Auckland authorities from £1 to 12s 6d per 1000. It is expected that this will be the last purchase of ova for the State, as the fish in our waters are now capable of being called upon to yield all the ova necessary.

Two Italian prawn-netters were reported to have been using prawn nets during the day time in Port Jackson, although the regulations relating to the use of these nets distinctly limit them to from sunset to sunrise. It was decided to administer a caution to the offenders.

The Fishermen's and Shooters' Association of the Riverina has been informed by the board that there are no funds available for paying rewards for the destruction of fish-eating birds.

The Public Works Department was recently asked by the Fisheries Board to take steps to open the sand bar across the mouth of Burrill Lake, near Ulladulla. The department has replied that it cannot undertake the work, and considers the matter one for the fishermen themselves. The difficulty of the task, however, when the lake is not very full of water, is too great for the men.

Authority has been given for the construction of a dam on the Jenolan River by day labour by the Fisheries Department, as the tenders received for the work were too high. The department has a special vote of £200 wherewith to carry out the task, and anticipates no difficulty in accomplishing it with that amount.

In connection with the use of the drum or hoop nets employed to catch cod in the western-flowing rivers, it has been decided to inform fishermen of the Murray and Murrumbidgee that the two wings attached to the drums may be of the full depth of 3ft 9in after being fastened to the drums. A certain amount of a net only 3ft 9in deep gathers up in the process of attachment, so men may use a deeper net which will gather up to the 3ft 9in.

The board has received a protest from men who net Woolooware Bay, George's River, against the granting of 800 yards of oyster lease beyond the mangroves there. The men consider the lease to that distance will block them netting. A report has been called for.

In connection with the subject of rewards for the destruction of sharks, the Chief Secretary has informed the department that a sum of money for the purpose cannot be placed on the estimates. The Amateur Fishermen's Association drew the board's attention to the danger of sharks at the Rip, Woy Woy.

The South Australian Fisheries authorities have written to the Fisheries Board here asking if Mr. Dannevig can be spared to visit the fisheries of that State to report upon them. The board has replied that Mr. Dannevig cannot be spared at present, in view of the importance of the immediate work he has on hand for this State.

A circular has been issued to net fishermen working in Sydney Harbour, pointing out that as important concessions have been made to them, they should strictly obey the laws regarding the use of nets.

A request for the closure of the Murray River to fishing except that of sportsmen for five miles each side of the town of Mildura (Vic.) was refused.

The closure at Narrabeen, Curl Curl, Deewhy, and Manly lagoons having expired on May 22, it was announced that these waters were now open to netting.

POLICE COURTS.

SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO A SOUTH SEA ISLANDER.

At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Charles Risby, of Turramurra, an employee of Wm. C. F. Thomas, licensee of premises in Lane Cove-road for the sale of colonial wine, was proceeded against for having, on May 5, supplied wine to Robt. Barr, a South Sea Islander. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined £5, with 6s costs, or in default two months' imprisonment.

PUBLICANS' LICENSES.

At the Central Licensing Court yesterday the following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—Wheelwrights' Arms Hotel, Petersham, from Joseph Armstrong to Francis J. Murphy; Coogee Hotel, Coogee, from Thos. Tidswell to Mary A. Tidswell; Cricketers' Arms Hotel, Redfern, from Henry D. Buckingham to John F. Williams; Lily of St. Leonards Hotel, N. Sydney, from Arthur Burnham to Alfred Creamer; Merton Estate Hotel, Balmain, from Hugh Campbell to Patrick William Murray; Langham Hotel, York-street, Sydney, from Edward Milverton to Henry B. Liebmann; Crown Hotel, Cleveland-street, Sydney, from George Rogers to Dennis Jones; Albert Hotel, Stanley-street, Sydney, from John C. Coogan to Wm. Chapman; Iron Duke Hotel, Waterloo, from John Ellis to Arthur E. M'Lean; Star and Garter Hotel, King-street, Sydney, from Charles Henry Henderson to Thomas Henry Turner.

THE N.S.W. ALLIANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Apparently some people are trying to raise a sectarian unpleasantness about the council of the Alliance. It is generally conceded that the Methodists are in the forefront of the temperance movement. Is it not natural therefore that their activity and energy should find a satisfactory field in such a grand institution as the Alliance?

Your correspondent, "Fair Play," asks two questions. To No. 1: If one man had been elected to the vice-presidency, would there have been all this bother?—Yes. No. 2: Is the Alliance to be unsectarian?—Yes. Therefore I ask you to vote for the best men and women, without regard to the Church to which members belong. Is it to be dominated by one Church? There is no room in the Alliance for domination either by a Church or an individual. My opinion is that one person is trying the domination business, and finds it very unprofitable. Your correspondent's figures are incorrect, and he evidently does not know who belong to the Church mentioned, and who not. May I ask the members who have the right to vote to take the trouble to do so; but first let them inquire who among their number nominated by their integrity and work in the temperance cause generally, and in the Alliance in particular, are worthy, then vote for these, for the present storm in a teacup will pass away, and the work of the Alliance will go on unchecked. I am, etc.,

WM. LAWSON DASH,
Member of the Council, and ex-Hon. Sec.
May 24.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I was amused, and yet a bit vexed, on reading the letter of Mr. A. B. Pursell. It strikes me as slightly tinged with audacity for this gentleman and his friends to lecture us on the other side for "dragging the Alliance in the mud" and the "airing of doubtful grievances." Why, as is well known, it is Mr. Pursell and those with whom he is acting who are "airing grievances," and by doing so they are indeed "dragging the Alliance in the mud." Their great grievance is that a certain candidate at the late election did not get elected for the vice-presidency. This candidate was the Rev. Woolls Rutledge, and with him perhaps I ought to link Mr. Winn. Now, no one will dispute the claim of these gentlemen to recognition as temperance workers. There are not a few others of whom this may be said, who have failed at contested elections, but they have had too much self-respect to whine about it, and have just gone on "the even tenor of their way" serving the cause they loved.

The "harmless" circular which Mr. Pursell alludes to was not the innocent thing he makes it out to be. Indeed it is largely the cause of the present irritation. It is a piece of special pleading. It assumes that all the present superiority of position of the Alliance—specially the headquarters—is due to one man. The truth is the first idea of the thing is to the credit of a woman—Mrs. Clark. Mr. Winn and others besides him, including Mr. Williams, were brought in, and rendered fine help. There is one man (Mr. J. W. Eve)—a modest man—who took on his shoulders a monetary burden exactly the same as that accepted by Mr. Winn.

There is something assumed by Mr. Rutledge and his friends, viz., that his not being elected was because there had been engineering of the voting. As far as I can see, there is not a scintilla of proof. As can be demonstrated, the election was conducted by the secretary in a perfectly legal way. In fact, it is susceptible of proof that the secretary herself voted, and advised, when asked, others to vote, for Mr. Rutledge.

I think it is something which Mr. Pursell should explain, viz., how comes it that of the 10 who signed this "harmless" circular, seven belong to one Church—the Methodist; and of those nominated for vice-presidents and council, a large proportion are also members of the same Church. But our Alliance is absolutely undenominational. I am, etc.,

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The Dubbo Show is illustrated and described in this week's "Sydney Mail." A number of prize-takers are pictured.—Advt.

ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL INTERSTATE SHOW.

The twelfth annual interstate show of the New South Wales Ornithological Association was opened yesterday, and will be continued until the end of the week. The exhibition comprises canaries and cage birds, which are benched in Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons' old premises at the Haymarket. The number of entries received is the largest for many years, and the quality of the exhibits is quite up to that of past years. The crested and crest bred birds are excellent, and so also are the cage bird sections, there being many rare and beautiful specimens among the exhibits. The arrangements were in the hands of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Mount), and a committee. The following acted as judges:—Scotch fancy, Belgian and cinnamon, Mr. H. Dunlop; Yorkshire, Mr. F. Drew; plain heads and lizards, Mr. J. Bunham; crests, crest breds, and coppies, Mr. W. Nash; cage birds, Mr. C. Coles.

THE AWARDS.

The following are the awards:—

CANARIES.

Belgian, any colour: C. Nicolls, 1 and v.h.c.; E. Terry, 2 and 3.

Scotch Fancy.—Clear or ticked yellow Scotch Fancy: C. Nicolls, 1, first special, and v.h.c.; W. J. Orr, 2 and 3. Clear or ticked buff Scotch Fancy: C. Nicolls, 1 and v.h.c.; Cooper Bros., 2; G. F. Hughes, 3 and c.; P. Williams, cock, h.c. Variegated or green-yellow Scotch Fancy: C. Nicolls, 1st, 2nd, special, and c.; W. J. Orr, 2 and h.c.; E. Kensey, 3; P. Williams, v.h.c. Variegated or green buff Scotch Fancy: W. J. Orr, 1 and 3; G. F. Hughes, 2; C. Nicolls, v.h.c. and h.c. Challenge Trophy, Scotch Fancy (to be won three times), for birds bred after July 31, 1905; C. Nicolls, 1; W. J. Orr, 2.

Yorkshire.—Clear Yellow Yorkshire: J. G. Miller, 1, 2, and v.h.c.; E. Terry, 3; W. Fraser, h.c.; W. Abigail, c. Clear Buff Yorkshire: J. G. Miller, 1, special, 3, and v.h.c.; I. Hodgson, cock, 2; W. G. Smith, hen, h.c.; E. Terry, c. Ticked Yellow Yorkshire: J. G. Miller, 1, 2, 3, and special; I. Hodgson, v.h.c.; E. Terry, h.c. Ticked Buff Yorkshire: J. G. Miller, 1, 3, and special; W. Abigail, cock, 2; E. Terry, v.h.c. Variegated or Green-yellow Yorkshire: J. G. Miller, 1 and 3; W. Abigail, 2; W. G. Smith, cock, v.h.c.; I. Hodgson, h.c.; P. Williams, cock, c. Variegated or Green-buff Yorkshire: J. G. Miller, 1 and c.; W. P. Mills, 2; W. Fraser, cock 3; W. Abigail, v.h.c. and h.c. Novice Class, Yorkshire (any colour): R. Pontifex, 1 and 3; A. Eldershaw, 2, v.h.c., and c.; P. S. Hummerston, h.c. Challenge Trophy, Yorkshire (to be won three times), for birds bred after July 31, 1905: J. G. Miller, 1 and 2.

Lancashires, or Plain Head, in classes 15 and 16.—Lancashire Plain Head, yellow, or buff: C. Nicolls, 1; F. Delaney, 2; J. R. Trevail, cock, 3; F. Cashman, h.c.; F. Delaney, v.h.c. Lancashire crested yellow or buff: C. Nicholls, 1; F. Cashman, 2. Clear yellow Norwich plain head: W. Fraser, hen, 1; D. Fuller, 2 and 3; F. D. Muller, cock, v.h.c.; R. Dobell, cock, h.c.; J. Kerr, cock, c. Clear buff Norwich plain head: R. Dobell, hen, 1, 3, and special; D. Fuller, 2 and v.h.c.; E. Terry, h.c.; C. F. Muller, hen, c. Ticked yellow Norwich plain head: W. Fraser, cock, 1; R. Dobell, 2; J. H. Robson, hen, 3; H. Dunlop, v.h.c. Ticked buff Norwich plain head: G. W. Jenkins, cock, 1; W. E. Tate, hen, 2; J. Robson, 3; R. Dobell, hen, v.h.c.; D. Fuller, h.c.; J. Kerr, c. Lightly-variegated yellow Norwich plain head: J. G. Miller, 1 and special; W. Fraser, 2; R. Dobell, 3; A. and G. Stewart, cock, v.h.c.; T. C. Wrightson, h.c.; E. Terry, c. Lightly-variegated buff Norwich plain head: R. Dobell, cock, 1, 2, and special; R. Dobell, hen, 2; W. Fraser, cock, 3; W. Fraser, hen, v.h.c.; J. W. Greaves, cock, h.c.; J. H. Robson, cock, c. Heavily-variegated yellow Norwich plain head: R. Dobell, cock, 1; J. H. Robson, hens, 2 and 3; W. Brennan, v.h.c.; W. Taylor, lemon, h.c.; H. Dunlop, c. Heavily-variegated buff Norwich plain head: R. Dobell, cock, 1; J. G. Muller, 2; R. Dobell, cock, 3; W. Fraser, cock, v.h.c.; J. H. Robson, cock, h.c. Green, yellow, or buff Norwich plain head: J. G. Miller, 1; J. H. Robson, cock, 2. Novice class, plain head, yellow, any colour: A. Bellhouse, 1. Novice class, plain head buff, any colour: Geo. Taylor, 1; W. King, 2; A. Bellhouse, 3; W. King, v.h.c. Challenge trophy, Norwich plain head, yellow (any colour) (to be won three times), for birds bred after July 31, 1905: B. Fuller, 1; D. Fuller, 2. Challenge trophy, Norwich plain head buff (any colour) (to be won three times), for birds bred after July 31, 1905: R. Dobell, cocks, 1 and 2.

Norwich plain head (colour-fed).—Clear or ticked yellow Norwich plain head: D. Fuller, 1, and second special; R. Dobell, hen, 2; J. G. Miller, 3; W. E. Tait, cock, v.h.c. Clear or ticked buff Norwich plain head: R. Dobell, cock, 1 and 2; J. G. Miller, 3; W. Brennan, v.h.c.; D. Fuller, h.c.; D. Fuller, c. Variegated yellow Norwich, plain head: D. Fuller, 1 and special; R. Dobell, hen, 2; G. W. Jenkins, cock, 3; R. Dobell, v.h.c. Variegated buff Norwich, plain head: R. Dobell, cock, 1 and third special; W. E. Tate, cock, 2; J. G. Miller, 3.

Evenly-marked Norwich, plain head.—Evenly-marked yellow or buff: J. H. Robson, cock, 1; J. H. Robson, hen, 2; F. D. Muller, cock, 3; E. Terry, v.h.c.; J. H. Robson, cock, h.c.

Crested Norwich.—Clear or ticked buff Norwich, clear or grey crest: Smith Bennett, 1; R. Hampson, 2 and 3; F. Roberts, cock, v.h.c.; E. Terry, c. Clear or ticked buff Norwich, dark crest: E. A. Pye, hen, 1; R. Hampson, 1and 2; H. J. Adams, v.h.c.; J. Chandler, cock, c. Evenly-marked buff Norwich crest: Kendall and Wilson, cock, 1; H. T. Adams, 2; J. Chandler, cock, 3; E. A. Pye, hen, v.h.c.; G. Donnelly, cock, h.c. Unevenly-marked lightly variegated buff Norwich crest: J. R. Trevail, 1, 2, 3, and v.h.c.; E. A. Pye, cock, h.c.; F. D. Muller, hen, c. Clear, ticked, variegated, or green-yellow Norwich crest: J. R. Trevail, 1, 2, and v.h.c.; F. D. Muller, hen, 3; J. H. Kitchen, h.c. Heavily variegated or green buff Norwich crest: J. R. Trevail, hen, 1; K. Hampson, 2; E. A. Pye, cock, 3; E. A. Pye, hen, v.h.c.; E. A. Pye, cock, h.c.; J. M'Gechan, hen, c. Novice class, crested Norwich, any colour: J. F. Rich, cock, 1; Kendall and Wilson, hen, 2; J. Kearney, cock, 3; H. H. Cowan, hen, v.h.c.; Kendall and Wilson, hen, h.c. Amateur class, crested Norwich, any colour: J. Kearney, cock, 1; Kendall and Wilson, cock, 2; J. Kearney, hen, 3; J. H. Kitchen, v.h.c.; Kendall and Wilson, cock, h.c. Challenge trophy, crested Norwich (to be won three times), for birds bred after July 31, 1905: J. R. Trevail, cock, 1; E. Pye, cock, 2.

Crest-bred Norwich.—Clear ticked variegated or green-yellow: J. R. Trevail, 1; H. T. Adams, 2; E. Terry, 3; J. R. Trevail, v.h.c. Clear or ticked buff crest bred: E. Pye, cock, 1; J. R. Trevail, 2; J. M'Gechan, cock, 3; E. Pye, cock, v.h.c.; H. T. Adams, h.c.; T. Inglis, cock, c. Lightly variegated buff crest bred: E. A. Pye, cock, 1; J. R. Trevail, cock, 2; J. R. Trevail, hen, 3; E. Terry, v.h.c.; G. Donnelly, hen, h.c.; R. Hampson, c. Heavily variegated or green buff, crest-bred: J. R. Trevail, cock, 1; J. R. Trevail, cock, 2; E. A. Pye, cock, 3; E. A. Pye, hen, v.h.c.; E. A. Pye, hen, h.c.; E. A. Pye, cock, c. Novice class, crest-bred, any colour: A. Manning, 1; J. F. Rich, cock, 2; H. H. Cowan, cock, 3; Kendall and Wilson, hen, v.h.c.; E. W. Harris, cock, h.c. Amateur class, crest-bred, any colour: J. H. Kitchen, 1; Kendall and Wilson, hen, 2; Kendall and Wilson, cock, 3; J. Kearney, cock, v.h.c.; J. Kearney, cock, h.c.; Kendall and Wilson, cock, c. Challenge trophy crest-bred, to be won three times; for birds bred after July 31, 1905: J. R. Trevail, cock, 1; J. R. Trevail, cock, 2.

Lizard.—Gold or silver spangled clear cap: H. T. Adams, 1, special, etc.; E. Terry, 2 and 3. Gold or silver spangled broken cap: E. Terry, 2 and 3.

Cinnamon (natural colour).—Clear yellow cinnamon: T. C. Wrightson, cock, 1 and special; J. H. Robson, hen, 2; W. C. Smith, cock, 3; J. G. Miller, v.h.c.; E. Terry, h.c.; W. King, hen, c. Clear buff cinnamon: C. W. Tanner, hen, 1; J. G. Miller, 2; R. Dobell, cock, 3; J. W. Archer, cock, v.h.c.; E. Terry, h.c. Variegated yellow cinnamon: E. Terry, 1 and special; R. Dobell, hen, 2; T. C. Wrightson, hen, 3; J. W. Greaves, hen, v.h.c.; E. Terry, h.c.; J. W. Archer, c. Variegated buff cinnamon: G. W. Jenkins, cock, 1; R. Dobell, hen, 2; P. Williams, hen, 3; E. Terry, v.h.c. and h.c. Challenge trophy cinnamon (to be won three times), for birds bred after July 31, 1905: J. H. Robson, 1; J. G. Miller, 2.

Cinnamon (colour fed).—Clear yellow cinnamon: R. Robell, cock, 1, 2, and special; W. King, hen, 2; J. G. Miller, cock, 3. Clear buff cinnamon: W. Brennan, 1; J. G. Miller, 2. Variegated yellow or buff cinnamon: R. Dobell, cock, 1 and special; W. Brennan, 2; J. W. Archer, 3; R. Dobell, hen, v.h.c.

Mules.—Clear or variegated, any variety: H. Dunlop, cock, 1 and special; J. H. Osborne, cock, 2; W. Gillespie, 3; C. West, cock, v.h.c.; C. West, cock, h.c. Dark, any variety: H. E. Peir, cock, 1; J. Wilson, cock, 2; H. Short, 3; W. E. Tate, cock, v.h.c.; H. E. Peir, cock, h.c.; W. J. Banks, c.

Selling Class (bird and cage not to exceed 20s).—Plain head (any variety): W. Fraser, 1; W. Brennan, 2; A. and G. Stewart, cock, 3; A. and G. Stewart, v.h.c.; T. Inglis, cock, h.c.; R. Dobell, hen, c. Crest or crest-bred: J. L. Row, cock, 1; J. R. Trevail, 2; W. M'Dermid, cock, 3.

CAGE BIRDS.

Finches.—Goldfinch, any variety: H. Short, 1; W. J. Banks, 2; N. Gillespie, 3; W. T. Dent, v.h.c.; W. T. Dent, h.c.; Spies and Taylor, c. Any species British finch: H. Short, 1 and special; H. E. Peir, 2; W. J. Banks, 3; W. J. Banks, v.h.c.; W. T. Dent, h.c.; W. J. Banks, c. Zebra finches (in pairs): W. J. Banks, 1; A. Hargreaves, 2; W. T. Dent, 3; W. T. Dent, v.h.c.; Mrs. W. Harvey, h.c.; Spies and Taylor, c. Gouldian, or beautiful grass finch: W. J. Banks, 1; W. T. Dent, 2; W. R. Pinfold, 3; G. Brennan, v.h.c.; A. Hargreaves, h.c.; Spies and Taylor, c. Diamond sparrows (in pairs): Spies and Taylor, 1 and special; Spies and Taylor, 2; H. E. Peir, 3; F. F. Stewart, v.h.c.; A. Hargreaves, h.c.; W. H. Taylor, c.

Pair Blood Star, Picturella, or long-tailed Grass Finch: W. H. Taylor, 1st and special; W. J. Banks, 2; W. H. Taylor, 3; H. Short, v.h.c.; W. J. Banks, h.c. Pair, any other species of Australian finch: H. Short, 1; H. E. Peir, 2; W. T. Dent, 3; W. H. Taylor v.h.c.; A. Hargreaves, h.c.; W. H. Taylor, c. Collection of six foreign finches, not less than three species: H. E. Pier, 1st and special; W. T. Dent, 2; W. T. Dent, 3; W. J. Banks, v.h.c.; A. Hargreaves, h.c. Pair of foreign finches, any species: W. T. Dent, 1; H. E. Pier, 2; W. J. Banks, 3; W. J. Banks, v.h.c.; A. Hargreaves, h.c.; H. E. Peir, c. Collection of six Australian finches (not less than 3 species): W. T. Dent, 1; H. Short, 2; W. J. Banks, 3; W. T. Dent, v.h.c.; A. Hargreaves, h.c.; Spies and Taylor, c.

Other cage birds.—Any species of soft-billed bird: W. T. Dent, 1st and special; W. J. Banks, 2; W. J. Banks, 3; F. Delaney, v.h.c.; W. J. Banks, h.c.; W. H. Taylor, c. Any species of foreign parrot or parrakeet: H. Watson, 1; A. Hargreaves, 2; W. J. Banks, 3; Mrs. W. Harvey, v.h.c.; W. J. Banks, h.c.; W. T. Dent, c.

Australian Cage Birds.—Pair of budgerigars: W. T. Dent, 1st and special; W. T. Dent, 2; H. E. Peir, 3; W. R. Pinfold, v.h.c.; Mrs. G. W. Wilson, h.c.; Spies and Taylor, c. Any species of cockatoo: W. J. Banks, 1; A. Hargreaves, 2; H. Watson, 3; F. W. Pinfold, v.h.c.; Mrs. Forbes, h.c.; W. J. Banks, c. Crimson wing, king parrot or rosella: W. T. Dent, 1; W. J. Banks, 2; W. S. Bradley, 3; Mrs. Roberts, v.h.c.; W. J. Banks, h.c.; Mrs. Harvey, c. Any other species of Australian parrot or parrakeet: H. E. Peir, 1st and special: H. E. Peir, 2; W. J. Banks, 3; H. Watson, v.h.c.; W. T. Dent, h.c.; W. J. Banks, c.

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NARROMINE AND DISTRICT.

A PROMISING SHOW.

The Narromine district contains many of the forces which go to make a successful show. The centre is one of the best of its class in the State, and the men who hold it are of the enthusiastic progressive order that a new place requires. Of course, it is wheat that has built the town, but areas are as a rule large enough to permit also of sheep-farming. Narromine, although so successful with its agriculture, stands very close to the border line between the wheat country and the great western expanses on which the plough gets little or no call. It is remarkable how sudden is the transition from country on which wheat-growing is so profitable to that on which the pastoralist is satisfied if he can get a crop of hay for feed once in three or four or five years. There are men with station holdings about Warren and Nyngan and other centres as close to the agricultural belt who attempt year after year to raise wheaten hay, but what with the scant rainfall and the galahs and the rabbits the gamble is strong against them. Running in on the Western mail from Nevertire, the wheat patches open gradually after Trangie, and then a few miles out from Narromine go out on each side with a burst. An hour after you leave men whose interests and talk are little else than sheep—and rabbits—you get out of the train at Narromine in a different atmosphere. Beyond Trangie the poison cart is practically the only machine that ever catches the eye in the railway trucks. At Narromine on Monday night the station yard was bright with dozens of modern agricultural devices; along the streets of the wheat town every second business premises seemed to deal in implements and machinery, and the hotels buzzed with men discussing wheat prospects and show. The change was complete.

THE NEW GROUND.

Tuesday morning was showery, with the prospect of a heavy downpour. Show enthusiasts took consolation in the reflection that rain was better than the show, and cheerfully discussed postponement. But before 10 o'clock the clouds lifted, and there was a move for the new show ground, about a mile from the railway station. The ground gives ample evidence of the earnestness of the association to establish a strong exhibition. A considerable area has been secured, and although the improvements are as yet only in the early stages, they are on a scale that makes provision for the show which such a fine district should be able to hold. The site has a pleasant slope, and the committee has wisely left a few trees dotted about. The ring, which is half a mile round, illustrates the confidence of the association, for it makes provision that is distinctly prospective. It is securely fenced with pine, and a stamp of permanence is also upon the cattle, sheep, and pig pens. The entry on Tuesday was decidedly promising, and the attendance was about 2000. Centres east and west along the line paid the new body the compliment of considerable representation, both in visitors and exhibits. The association, of which Mr. D. Fitch (the Mayor of Narromine) is president, Messrs. G. W. Barlow, Graham Smith, and Charles Frater vice-presidents, Mr. M. Dunne hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. D. Macrae secretary, has a capable committee, and the arrangements showed points to many of the older societies. Handy catalogues were issued, the ring events kept well posted, and up to time; but, having in view the size of the ring, the committee might do well in future to have the judging done closer into the edge, so that the public could see more of the exhibits. The association began well by adopting the single-judge system throughout. The change from dual to single judges is taking place slowly, but it is satisfactory that a new society should discard the old and cumbersome method.

THE HORSE RINGS.

The feature of the exhibition was the draught stock. In a district which employs so many draught horses this was not surprising. Not only were the stallions above average, but the mares and two or three large rings of youngsters were high class. A few good bloods were shown, but the hacks with very few exceptions, were indifferent, and buggy horses were also rather below show level. This was all the more remarkable, too, in a district where one sees so many smart turnouts. The even country and considerable distances, which very many of the surrounding families have to travel naturally beget a desire for pace, and the farmers' trot called forth a few very smart ones. The half mile circle went well, and as trotters seem to be finding increased favour all along the Western line, it should yet rival Bathurst and Dubbo in fine contests. Entries for the open hunters were limited to circus horses, and this revived the discussion as to whether these "professionals" should be allowed to compete. Certainly they tend to keep local talent out of the ring, but at the same time by their attendance the crowds often get an exhibition of fencing equal to anything in the world. And local horses are in no more danger of being beaten by such a hunter as Sunlight than by a number of others now in the hands of private individuals in the State. This is often shown when these circus cracks meet large fields at our leading shows. The district hunters gave a good exhibition, and some of the competitors would have had only Sunlight to fear in the open competition.

SHEEP AND CATTLE.

The cattle section was practically confined to beef Shorthorns, of which some good animals were shown. An interesting exhibit was made by Mr. W. O'Neill, who had forward a number of cattle from a herd to which for 27 years no fresh blood had been introduced. These products of inbreeding were junky representatives of the Shorthorn breed, although perhaps a trifle on the small side. Mr. O'Neill told me that he had more than once topped the metropolitan markets with them, and that they had lost none of the weight, constitution, or character of the original herd. The sheep, although not numerous, displayed good quality. There was a few good pens of crossbreds, but so far the British breeds have made little progress in the district, the high price for wool, doubtless, keeping breeders to merinos. A buyer for one of the big frozen export firms assured me the other day that he was having the utmost difficulty in getting anything like a sufficient number of sheep suitable for freezing. He complained that men showed too little regard for the export business, and that there was no certainty in the supply. He pointed out that when breeders made it a practice to feed the export trade with an assured quantity of the right kind of sheep they would have a guarantee of a sound local market, with a minimum of variation.

THE WHEAT CROP.

It is interesting to find that the area going under wheat about Narromine this year is considerably below that sown last season. For instance, Mr. Frank Mack is sowing three thousand odd acres against five thousand last year; Mr. C. Rice 2300 acres against 3300; and several other large growers report a similar curtailment. A number of reasons are advanced for this. The chief one is admitted by local men to be attributable to the somewhat slapdash farming to which the district inclined in recent years. The Narromine country has given good yields very easily and somewhat loose methods have resulted in wild oats being introduced very freely to a lot of the farms. It is only fair to point out, however, that a lot of this nuisance is indirectly due to the failure of the 1902 crop. In the season following a great quantity of dirty seed, much of it, secured from the Government, was sown in the district, and wild oats have been making headway ever since. The rains which fell early this year encouraged a good growth on the stubbles, and men were induced by the bright prospects for sheep to limit their ploughing operations, and to spell and clean some of the dirty country. "The change means," remarked a leading farmer, "that we are putting in less and putting it in better. It is a good departure. We have been rushing in too much and farming it badly." There will, doubtless, be a good deal of fallow.

The wheat country from Wellington out wants a good fall of rain. So far the crop prospect has not suffered, but the country now needs a thorough soaking. Sowing is nearing completion. Early crops look fair. Grain sheds along the line still contain large quantities of last year's wheat. The greater part of this, however, is said to be in the hands of buyers, chiefly local millers, most farmers having cleared some time ago.

THE GREAT NORTH-WEST.

SOLVING THE WATER PROBLEM.

PERMANENT SETTLEMENT UNDER ARTESIAN BORES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Those who have travelled the great North-west must have recognised its immense possibilities. One hears much nowadays about rich soil, but here you meet it, capable of anything with sufficient rainfall. Take the thriving town of Moree as a centre, and radiate in any direction it is the same—mile after mile of great black soil plains stretching away into the "Never Never." In times of plenty great flocks of fine fat sheep are almost hidden amongst the heavy growth of grass and herbage. A few good seasons, high markets, and immense profits place a man on his feet for the rest of his days. On the other hand an adventurous spirit may have struck a succession of droughty years and lost everything. But the old conditions of occupation of the North-west are giving place to new. Big holdings, which have made fortunes for many men, are disappearing one by one, and the small holder is in evidence everywhere. In disastrous periods the railway now does much to temporarily relieve the district of stock, but its services will be required less and less as the indispensable artesian bores take their place. The experimental stage is past, those in existence have proved of inestimable benefit, and private ones have already done much for their fortunate possessors.

Given artesian water, therefore, the pastoralist can hold out in times of drought at least a year longer, or indefinitely if irrigation is resorted to. A valuable object lesson in this respect was recently given at the Moree Experimental Farm, where a pen of sheep were fed on a drought ration, 4½lb. daily of sorghum for three months, at the rate of 80 sheep per acre. Not only did they do well on this fare, but at the end of the period had each gained about 2lb in weight. According to this test, the pastoralist having an artesian bore on his property would derive little benefit in shifting his stock, as they could be more cheaply provided for on his own station, more particularly if removal expenses, including driving, trucking, shepherding, and renting country exceeded £10 per 1000 per month. Much of the old prejudice against artesian water is fast dying out. It arose principally through ignorance in using it, especially for irrigation purposes. But as a knowledge of its proper use becomes more widely disseminated by the aid of Government experts, the water will be even more extensively appreciated than at present. The mineral contents and flow of almost every bore vary, so that each is a law unto itself. That in connection with the Government Experimental Farm at Moree is 2792ft deep, and has a temperature of 114deg. There is a regular flow of 840,000 gallons per day at a pressure of 94lb per square inch. The deepest bore in the Moree district is Dolgelly, 4980ft, and it is also the hottest, reminding one of the hot springs of New Zealand. Within a comparatively small area in the same district there are eight bores of varying depth. Three new ones are proposed, Welbondongah, Coubel, and Boolero, and two are at present under construction, Neargo and Mungyer, the country around the latter presenting a very parched appearance just now for the want of rain. All the bores lying to the north of Moree are deep, being from 3000 to 4000 ft; those to the south shallow, averaging from 2000ft to 3000ft.

The Florida bore, about 40 miles south-west of Moree, is the first to be placed under the new Water and Drainage Act. It is supplying a large number of healthy settlers. Other bores are to follow, so that the whole area will eventually be under the influence of artificial water, the supply being limited for stock purposes only. Each bore will be capable of watering 60,000 acres. The Act provides that on completion of a bore an estimate of its cost is obtained, and three trustees are appointed to assess the land according to the value of water received. Six per cent. on the capital cost is raised, of which 4 per cent. goes to interest, and the other 2 per cent. to wipe out the original cost. In from 23 to 28 years this should be liquidated, and the bore then becomes the property of the settlers. The management of the whole area, so far as the water is concerned, is in the hands of the trustees, who keep the drains in order out of the rates. At Florida, if one may judge from appearances, the experience has been most gratifying to surrounding settlers, and sheep can be watered now without travelling any distance. Some settlers, however, are bitter at the slow methods adopted by the Government in putting down more drains, and thus extending the use of the water to their holdings. There is no doubt that in some cases this has occasioned great hardship, and has necessitated conservation of water, which is by no means easy in this district. Friction has also been occasioned between the settlers and the department owing to the high capital value placed on the bores, many of which were sunk merely as experiments years ago at a cost which to-day is almost prohibitive. It is a reasonable calculation to say that ground tenants at present paying 3d to 4d per acre rent cannot profitably afford 1d or 1½d more per acre for this water. As experience is gained by the department, these little differences will doubtlessly be equitably adjusted.

Above all, the great fact remains that large areas of country to-day are under small settlement, on which it is impossible to conserve water in the ordinary way, owing to the porous nature of the soil. The artesian bore has given this rich deep soil a fresh value, and there is little doubt that it is consecrated to the development of the great pastoral industry, and that this huge watershed lying to the north-west, and embracing hundreds of miles of undulating plains, is destined in the future to carry a sturdy, healthy population. Water has been the problem of the north-west; once this is solved under the new order of things permanent settlement quickly follows, and 5000 acres held by the settler to-day may be too big in years to come. A great portion of the stock going into the Sydney market to-day comes from these fine fattening plains. One almost hesitates to think what it would do under close settlement.

ITEMS.

The Messrs. Schipp, farmers, of Palmer's Channel, on the Lower Clarence, have experimented with two acres of the Mauritius bean by planting in the maize fields. It has made wonderful growth, to the detriment of the maize, and the experimenters would not sow it amongst the corn again. It is a fine fodder, cattle and horses eating it readily. The bean resembles a broad bean, and the Messrs. Schipp state that it makes a good fertiliser, restoring the productive properties of worn-out lands.

Mr. C. Everingham, of Carr's Peninsula, has pulled a phenomenal crop of maize this season. From 15 acres an average yield of 140 bushels to the acre has been taken. This eclipses anything ever yet recorded on the Clarence River, where in the early days of maize-growing up to 110 bushels per acre was pulled from small areas, when the land was virgin, after the brush fires had passed over it. Mr. Everingham's land has been cropped about 47 years, and has never been manured, but is repeatedly fertilised by the alluvium deposited by floods. This, on spots like Carr's Peninsula, after heavy floods, covers the soil to a depth of a couple of feet near the riverside, giving the farmer entirely new land to till, and leaving the old workings far below. The variety of maize produced was the Golden Drop, and the depth of grain on the core was very pronounced. The ears were large, and, as the crop was thickly planted, they were numerous. It is questionable if this yield has been beaten in any part of Australia, and it is certainly a very large one.

THE ABATTOIRS QUESTION.

Mr. James Tosh writes:—The recent conference in reference to the Glebe Island Abattoirs must be held to be extremely unsatisfactory, both in the composition of its members, and also in its results. The Premier has undoubtedly shown a desire to settle this vexed and complicated question in the public interest; but I maintain that he has been misled on several essential points, as also have been his predecessors in office. I, therefore, beg to submit the following points for consideration before Parliament meets, and the final step is taken:—

1. That the representations to the Premier that the removal of the abattoirs to the vicinity of the saleyards would entail extra cost and thereby endanger our export trade are erroneous. As a matter of fact, a saving would be effected under the new system; with freezing works at the abattoirs the meat can be frozen, trucked, and landed at Darling Harbour alongside the vessel cheaper than conveying the live stock from the saleyards to the island, with all the consequent deterioration, loss of weight, etc., and we should get a better quality of meat, a far more important factor in our competition with Argentina than the minutest fraction of a penny extra cost. This minute fraction relates to large meat contracts, and the gaining of or losing the same entirely depends upon seasons, buying, dealing to the best advantage with stock, and the amount of profit required by the tenderer. I repeat, however, that instead of a loss we should have a distinct gain under the system.

2. So far as we can learn from the published reports, the subject of fevered meat—the crux of the whole question—was not mentioned or discussed at the conference.

3. That the conference was not representative, and only one side of the question was laid before the Premier. If the wholesale butchers, pastoralists, stock and station agents, and all trades connected with the treatment of by-products, meat-canning, etc., were to hold meetings and appoint properly accredited delegates to formulate a scheme for dealing with the whole question of our meat supply from A to Z, and submit the same to the Premier, the result would be a settlement for all time of this question on a sound and satisfactory basis.

4. It stands to reason that the persistent efforts, extending over a period of more than 20 years, to have the abattoirs removed from Glebe Island, show that there is a just cause of complaint, not only in the driving nuisance but in the deterioration of stock and a general unfitness of the site for the purpose of public abattoirs. A visit to the island—which was, no doubt, expected and prepared for—and a conference of about an hour's duration, when only one side of this very complicated question was discussed, is not sufficient to cause Mr. Carruthers to overrule the decision of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works, whose report to Parliament was to the effect that the abattoirs should be removed from Glebe Island.

5. That Glebe Island, with its deep-water frontages and natural advantages of position, is far too valuable a site for a central produce depot, to be used for abattoirs, for which latter purpose (owing to the necessary space for resting purposes not being available) it is utterly unsuitable, and for which Darling Harbour, with its railway facilities, provides sufficient accommodation. In a recent editorial you dealt with Glebe Island as an ideal site for a produce depot, and abolishing the conveyance of wool and other produce to Circular Quay, with all its inconveniences to street traffic and expense. A short line of rail to the island would at once place our produce in all its branches on a much better footing than at present, and all the available space at Glebe Island would be required for this purpose.

In his dual capacity of shipper and chairman of the Riverstone Meat Company, Sir William M'Millan's opinions, as expressed at the recent conference, are entitled to respect. As a shipper, Sir William naturally realises the undoubted advantages of Glebe Island for export; but as I have already explained, the facilities offered at the railway terminus at Darling Harbour are amply sufficient, and the water frontages at Glebe Island could be much better utilised than for abattoirs.

What I should like to be made clear, however, is whether (with the advantages claimed for Glebe Island as a site for abattoirs), Sir William is prepared to advise his company to remove their slaughtering establishment at Riverstone to the island?

The danger to our export trade by the extra cost of 9d per head for pigs and calves is altogether fallacious; but Sir William's point suggests a solution to a somewhat difficult problem. It is well known that pig slaughtering should not be carried out in proximity to that of cattle and sheep. It would also be a tax on our local industry, in the way of pork and bacon curing, to be obliged to slaughter away from town. I would, therefore, suggest that sufficient space be provided at Glebe Island for this special purpose, and for calves, and that the small slaughtering establishments at Canterbury and elsewhere be abolished, and the whole of this branch of the trade concentrated at the island under one supervision.

So far as I can see, the wholesale trade has not been represented, either in this discussion through your columns, or in the recent conference. There has not been a bona-fide carcase butcher contribute any opinion in the discussion, and only one representative of the trade who carries on business at the island attended the recent conference.

Active vested interests have once again been successful in misleading the Premier—and, to all appearances, Sir William M'Millan.

The present is a critical time, and the fate of the wholesale trade hangs in the ba[lance]. If a decided move is not made without delay, private individual enterprise will become extinct, and the whole trade absorbed by the monopoly which has steadily been gaining ground for years past.

LAND SELECTION.

The following statement shows the area of lands selected under the Crown Lands Acts from January 1 to May 23:—

	Acres.
Homestead selections	20,957
Settlement leases	175,939
Conditional purchases	180,343
Conditional leases	277,324
Conditional purchase leases	19,596
Total	674,159

The period includes 20 Lands Office days, and the applications for original holdings during the past week represent 33 new settlers. In addition to the area made available prior to January 1, 1906, an area of 388,846 acres has been specially set apart during the above period.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

ALBURY.—At a meeting of the Albury Pastures Protection Board it was decided that the inspector should furnish a report on all the district reserves, and that all reserves, apart from travelling stock and camping reserves, be thrown open to selection. It was agreed that the annual assessment should be 3d per head on large stock and 3s per 100 sheep.

RICHMOND.—The Department of Agriculture received a valuable importation of pedigree pigs from England last week. They are to be sent to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. They include some of the finest stock procurable, the breeds comprising Berkshire, large black Tamworth, and middle and large Yorkshire.

RYDAL.—Mr. Robert James, of Daisy Hill, near Rydal, captured a large dog fox in one of his paddocks. Six of his sheep have recently been killed in the vicinity.

WEST WYALONG.—A consignment of 100 Angora goats, purchased in Adelaide recently by Mr. J. Jones, manager of Mr. Knox's Wyalong No. 2 station, arrived on Wednesday. The lot includes two magnificent bucks, purchased at a high figure. They will make a valuable addition to this already famous Angora breeding establishment.

WOLLONGONG.—A special meeting of the committee of the Wollongong Agricultural Association was held at the Council Chambers last night, Mr. W. McKenzie presided. It was decided to support the Berry Association in holding the South Coast National Show in 1907. A report of a sub-committee regarding the distribution of prizes for the collection of school exhibits was adopted. Liberal prizes are awarded, and judgment is to be decided by points. The chairman spoke very strongly in favour of removing the show buildings to a more convenient situation, and it was decided that a sub-committee interview the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, asking if the Government would reserve the Glebe lands—about 43 acres—for the show ground, and upon what terms, after which a referendum of the members is to be taken.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

STANTHORPE (Q.).—There crossed the border at Wallangarra, May 10:—7 bulls, Manilla to Waroo (Q.), Bracker Bros. owners; 1 bull, Manilla to Beaudesert (Q.), De Burgh Persse owner; May 14, 15 dairy heifers, 1 bull, Kiama to Tiara, F. C. O'Reilly owner; 480 dairy cattle, 1 bull, Sydney to Warra, Taylor owner; also 84 dairy heifers, Rooty Hill to Cambooya (Q.), J. H. Fairfax owner; May 18, 97 dairy cattle, Sydney to Canning Downs (Q.), G. E. Barnes owner; also 98 cows, Texas (Q.) to Homebush, Burgess Bros., owners; May 19, 6 heifers, 1 bull, Wodonga to Mill Hill (Q.), W. H. Gillespie owner; also 24 bulls, Mingoola to Chinchilla (Q.), G. Jeffery owner; May 21, 91 heifers, Flemington to Toowoomba (Q.), Munro and Hayes owners.

FLEAS AND THE PLAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR
THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.

Sir,—
Your subleader in Wednesday's issue raises a question of considerable importance to the wellbeing of the community.
Dr. Ashburton Thompson's statement, and the experiments carried on by the Indian Government, prove conclusively that it is the Lively Flea which spans the gap between the Rodent and the Human. The efforts therefore of all who desire to keep this City free from Plague should be directed not only against the Predatory Rat, but also against the Parasitic Flea; and for the extermination of the latter pest no better method can be employed than thoroughly cleansing all premises, from garret to cellar, with "PEARSON'S SAND SOAP."
Yours faithfully,
—Advt. PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds never fails. 1s 6d.—Advt.

IRISH HOME RULE.

ACTION OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

ANTI-HOME RULE DEMONSTRATION.

RESOLUTION TO THE KING.

It was a decidedly wet audience which assembled last evening in the Town Hall in response to an advertisement requesting the citizens of Sydney to meet, under the auspices of the Loyal Orange Lodge Institution, to protest against the action of the Commonwealth Parliament last session in adopting an address in favour of Home Rule. But if it was wet, it was certainly a large and enthusiastic meeting. The chair was taken by Mr. Robson, M.L.A. Among those on the platform were:—Mr. G. H. Reid (leader of the Federal Opposition), Messrs. H. W. Lee and W. S. Wilks, Ms.P., Messrs. T. Jessep, T. Henley, R. Booth, and W. Anderson, Ms.L.A., the Revs. Dill Macky, Woolls Rutledge, P. J. Stephen, J. B. Fulton, A. J. Waldock, W. W. Roger, O. H. Purnell, F. Colwell, E. Price, and J. A. Waddell. Messrs. J. Wheeler, A. J. S. Gilchrist, A. Walker, Packer, J. Reid, J. Moore, W. E. Cullan, and M. W. Grice. Dr. Ronald MacDougall, of Dublin, was also present.

The chairman said he had been asked to preside in place of the Lord Mayor. He did so with much pleasure, as he was in full accord with the objects of the meeting. (Applause.) He would ask the audience to open the meeting by singing the National Anthem.

The audience rose, and responded with enthusiasm.

The chairman said he had received a letter from the Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor), expressing regret that a prior engagement prevented him accepting the invitation to preside. (Cries of "Oh," and groans.) The Lord Mayor stated that otherwise he would have been pleased to preside. (Hear, hear.) He added that whilst he was in favour of the petition it was proposed to send to the King, he believed that with regard to the question of Home Rule it formed no part of the province of the people of Australia to dictate, or even to suggest, to the Imperial Parliament what ought to be done on a matter of such importance. (Applause.) He (the chairman) had also received an apology from Mr. Joseph Cook, M.P., stating that he had booked for a tour in Victoria before he received the invitation to attend the meeting. Mr. Cook expressed the hope that the protest against the totally unauthorised action of the Federal Parliament would be an enthusiastic one. (Cheers.) He had received a telegram from Mr. Robson, M.L.C., and Messrs. J. Hurley and Fallick, Ms.L.A., at present in the country, regretting their inability to be present, and joining heartily in the protest against the action of the Federal Parliament. (Applause.) The chairman concluded by reading the following petition to the King, which the meeting would be asked to approve:—

PETITION TO THE KING.

We, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, citizens of Sydney, in public meeting assembled, humbly approach your Majesty with renewed assurances of our profound loyalty and devotion.

The Parliament of this Commonwealth, last session, adopted addresses from both Houses, which have been presented to your Majesty, in which the Senate and House of Representatives pray that Home Rule may be granted to Ireland.

We crave your Majesty's leave to express our unqualified disapproval of the conduct of the honourable members by whose votes those addresses were adopted.

As the question of Irish Home Rule is one upon which a vast majority of the people of Australia have not revealed their opinions, we cannot pretend to know whether Australia is for or against Home Rule to Ireland. But we desire to make known to your Majesty that no member of the Australian Parliament ever submitted the subject to the electors when he was a candidate for their suffrages.

We also assure your Majesty that the electors of the Commonwealth have never regarded the question as one within the legitimate province of Australian politics.

There are probably just as keen differences of opinion upon the subject here as those which prevail in the mother country. Here, as there, there are those who declare Home Rule for Ireland to be a patriotic movement. Here, as there, there are others who declare the movement to be a cloak for disloyalty.

We greatly fear that the conduct of the Federal Parliament, if imitated, will imperil the splendid harmony which prevails between the various legislative bodies in your Majesty's dominions. The political controversies which divide parties in the Imperial Parliament do not, in our opinion, warrant the interference of another Parliament in a distant part of the Empire.

We are fully persuaded that those members of the Federal Houses to whom we refer would be the first to denounce the conduct of the Imperial Parliament if the Lords and Commons of Great Britain and Ireland presented addresses to your Most Gracious Majesty praying for a vital change in the Constitution of the Australian Parliament.

We feel sure that in Australia, as in every other part of the British Empire, the past wrongs and misery of Ireland excite universal sympathy and compassion; just as the illustrious services of Irishmen of all ranks, in war and peace alike, command gratitude and admiration; and we yield to none in the earnestness of our desire that the magnificent efforts made by British justice and generosity to redress the grievances and to efface all the bitter memories of the Irish people will continue until they are crowned with complete success.

At the same time, we are absolutely in accord with those who declare the interests and the destinies of England, Scotland, and Ireland to be inseparable.

Whatever changes may commend themselves to the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament, we firmly believe that any change that would weaken the union between the three Kingdoms would be as great a calamity to the people of Ireland as it would be to the people of Great Britain; and would shake to their very foundations the strength and greatness of that unrivalled Empire over which your Majesty's glorious reign extends—an Empire to which all true Australians are proud to belong.

(Cheers.)

MR. REID'S SPEECH.

Mr. G. H. Reid, on coming forward, was received with loud cheers. He said he endorsed every word of the petition just read, and had much pleasure in moving its adoption. He considered the conduct of those Federal members, in carrying an address to the King in favour of Home Rule, amounted to a gross usurpation of the name and authority of the people of Australia. (Cheers.) There were a number of questions in Australia that divided the people, as well as problems to solve in developing the defences of the Commonwealth. They were sufficiently great and pressing to task all the zeal and abilities which the public men of Australia possessed. The members of the Federal Parliament, who voted for the address would be in a fury if the Houses of the British Parliament had adopted an address to the King, praying for some modification of Australia's laws affecting the principle of a white Australia. (Laughter and applause.)

HIS PROTEST IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

So far from desiring to make any political capital out of the mistake made in moving that address, he implored the House of Representatives to take a different course. He pointed out that the question was not within the legitimate province of the Australian Parliament; that it was not authorised to express its opinion as a Parliament upon the subject; that whilst it was perfectly open for any man to get upon a platform and express his own opinions on this subject, no Parliament had a right to express a corporate opinion with reference to this matter in the name of the Australian people. He also pointed out that on the eve of a general election in the mother country such an interference became doubly wrong, and doubly important. (Loud applause.) He told the House that if the peoples within the British Empire were to interfere in local political agitations and party contests raging in other parts of the Empire, the splendid harmony between the Parliaments of that Empire must be utterly destroyed. (Loud applause.) He moved an amendment embodying those views. Let the consequences be on the heads of those who passed the address. (Applause.) Those electors who did not agree with that address were entitled to ask every member who voted for it to give an account of his conduct. (Cheers.)

WHY IRELAND SHOULD NOT HAVE HOME RULE.

The ground which those members sought to justify their conduct was practically this:—They said that Great Britain granted to countries like Australia and Canada self-governing institutions. They had worked well, and why should they not have the same in Ireland. It must be borne in mind that Australia and Canada had no Parliaments, whilst Ireland was better represented in the British Parliament than either the people of England or Scotland. From an Australian point of view the grievance was not that Ireland had no Parliament, but that she had a larger number of members of Parliament than England herself.

At this stage the interruptions led Mr. Reid to remark that at the great meeting in that hall in favour of Home Rule there were no interruptions, and he asked for a similar state of affairs at this.

Continuing, Mr. Reid said that the majority of members was not grudged Ireland, for it was the result of a compact made by England. The second important difference between the cases was that when England conferred self-government on Australia and Canada, she gave them the right by that very fact to go a step farther and establish their complete independence. If the Parliament of Australia asked for independence the mother Parliament could not well refuse it. One of the most distinguished men in England had asked him his views on Home Rule, and he had replied with a question.

There was further interruption at this point, and Mr. Reid said that if it continued he would demand that the interrupters be removed. (Cheers.)

Resuming, Mr. Reid said his question was: "If the Irish people, having Home Rule, asked by an enormous majority for complete independence, would you be prepared to comply with the request? If you are, then there's one great difficulty removed from your path; but if you are not, what a pitiful spectacle the mother Parliament would present if she tried to crush the will of the Irish Parliament with the sword!" England and Ireland were so situated geographically that they could never be disunited. These were matters that had to be taken into consideration—by the people of Great Britain and Ireland. He merely referred to them because the subject had been wrongly dragged into the political arena.

WHEN MIGHT WAS RIGHT.

They would see in history that the most cruel treatment had been meted out to Ireland in the past; but those were the days when in all countries might was regarded as right. (Interruption.) Still they would find in history just as great cruelties inflicted upon Irishmen by Irishmen. (Cheers and interruption.) And in the old days if Ireland had been the bigger and the more populous she would have treated England in identically the manner in which England had treated her. (Cheers.)

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED.

But he was glad that the shade of those dark days had gone——

As Mr. Reid was in the middle of this sentence the lights in the hall failed. He attempted to proceed in semi-darkness, but on the interruptions growing more and more frequent the Rev. Dill Macky started the assembly singing "Rule Britannia," and before the last bar had been reached the lights were restored.

Mr. Reid, continuing, said that during the past 30 years the British Parliament carried a series of measures which had redressed all those land evils to which reference had once been made by Mr. Isaac Butt. [At this stage a persistent interjector was turned out of the hall, amidst loud cheering. He was immediately followed by another man, who had become insulting.] The British Parliament, continued Mr. Reid, had placed the land laws of Ireland on a basis which the farmer tenants of England, Scotland, and Wales had not at present the slightest chance of securing. (Applause.)

BAD EFFECTS ATTENDING DUAL PARLIAMENTS.

During the time a Parliament sat in Ireland, and one in England, those countries were always in a state of friction. Three declarations of independence were passed by the Irish Parliament. The first, in 1641, was followed by an insurrection. Another declaration in 1689 was followed by a civil war. A third declaration was passed in the year 1782, and was followed by the Irish rebellion of 1798. (Cheers, and interruption from a man, who was speedily passed out.) Mr. Reid, continuing, said he was sorry they had to give one or two individuals a little taste of home rule. (Loud laughter.) So far as he could judge the history of dual Parliaments, instead of strengthening the Parliaments they were a source of disunion and weakness. There were once dual Parliaments in Norway and Sweden, but now those countries were separate. There were dual Parliaments in Austria-Hungary, and yet a dreadful state of tension existed in that unhappy empire.

WHY IRELAND SHOULD NOT SEPARATE.

Another question put as fair to answer was —"Why should not the Irish people, if they wish it, be allowed to separate from England?" That deserves attention. Take the people of New South Wales at the present time. They were, in some respects, in the position which Ireland was represented to be in. (Laughter.) There was a superstition current that a majority of the people of New South Wales, if appealed to, would vote for the re-establishment of Home Rule here—(cheers)—and that she should be allowed to leave the Commonwealth union. Some of his Federal Parliament friends, who voted at a distance of 12,000 miles for Home Rule for Ireland, would compel New South Wales to wait a long time before they would vote for an address to the King in favour of Home Rule for New South Wales. (Cheers.) The two islands of New Zealand were in the same position as England and Ireland. Suppose the people of one of the New Zealand islands wanted to set up a Parliament of their own, would those of the other island agree to that? (Cries of "No.") In Canada they saw the English Canadians and the French Canadians. If the latter demanded a separate Parliament, would they be surprised if the people of Canada refused the request?

UNIONISM THE BEST.

He believed that the union which at present existed was infinitely better for Ireland than disunion. (Applause.) He admitted, however, that that was a matter which the Irish people ought to know more about than he did. He joined heartily in the tribute paid to the Irish race. They must draw a great distinction between the agitation in Ireland and the true children of Ireland, who in the battles of the Empire, in the fleet and army, in the field of diplomacy, statesmanship, and colonisation, stood side by side with the noblest race in the world. (Loud and continued cheers.)

WHAT IS AN IRISH PARLIAMENT WANTED FOR?

Mr. Reid went on to ask what was the Irish Parliament wanted for. The extension of local government to the highest point short of a Parliament was theirs for the asking. There were some who wished to revenge the wrongs of their ancestors upon the descendants of those who had wronged them. (Laughter.) Those who had wronged the Irish were not the people of England—they were a few who had possessed despotic power, and who had trampled down the people of England just as ruthlessly as the people of Ireland. (Cheers.) The movement for Home Rule was in one aspect a loyal movement—("No!")—and in another a disloyal one. (Cheers.) If a man considered Home Rule would strengthen the Empire, they might dissent from his views, but they had to applaud his motives.

A voice: Where is he?

Mr. Reid: I have no commission to find him; but I think there are thousands of such men.

The voice: Well I don't, and I'm an Irishman!

Mr. Reid: Well, you know more about it than I. (Laughter.)

DISLOYAL IRISHMEN.

Mr. Reid, continuing, said that there were those who wanted Home Rule from purely disloyal motives—to use it as a fulcrum for breaking up the unity of the Empire. (Cheers.) He quoted from a speech delivered by Mr. J. E. Redmond, on April 12, 1905, in the House of Commons, in which he said:—"If I believed there was the smallest chance whatever I would have no hesitation in advising my countrymen to endeavour to end the present system by armed revolt." That was the speech by a man who only lacked the power to plunge both nations into bloodshed. (Cheers.) Mr. Joseph Devlin—(laughter)—had said at a meeting of the United Irish League meeting on January 22, 1905:—"He appealed to them, as lovers of their country, and as men anxious to lift her from the slough into which she had been reduced by the tyranny and oppression of centuries, to rally their forces together and there, as in other parts of the country, make British government impossible, as the most effective means of ridding the country of the greatest curse that ever plagued a nation." "Will Mr. Devlin say that out here?" asked Mr. Reid, amid laughter. He then read the following extract from a speech delivered by Mr. John Dillon, M.P., at a meeting in Thurles, on January 29, 1905:—"That grand meeting in the heart of the great country of Tipperary reminded him of 25 years ago, and he took it as a sign of the national revival in Tipperary, as in the other countries of Ireland, which would sweep before it all vestiges of English rule in Ireland. They never would have in Ireland a really prosperous and happy land until that rule was swept clean out of it."

Mr. Reid, continuing, asked what were Ireland's wrongs which justified these appeals to the most dangerous and bloodthirsty side of human nature? Why did not those gentlemen he had quoted come forward and say specifically what justified them in their efforts to plunge two of the finest peoples that ever lived into the throes of deadly combat. (Cheers.)

MESSRS. DEAKIN AND WATSON.

The speaker then dealt with the attitude the Prime Minister and Mr. Watson had adopted on the question of the Chinese on the Rand. Both of them had deprecated the interference with affairs not immediately concerning the Australian people. Yet those two gentlemen had voted for Home Rule. (Laughter.)

A voice: They were tricked into it.

Mr. Reid: That's a good way to put it. I wish they would talk of me like that when I make mistakes. But is is innate depravity in my case. (Laughter.)

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, Mr. Reid said: "Whilst I will support any movement tending to increase the welfare of the British Empire and promote the interests and happiness of humanity, any movement which will tend to weaken the strength of that Empire is a movement which I will resist to the death." (Loud and continued applause.)

Mr. W. H. Wilks, M.P., seconded the resolution, and in the course of his remarks pointed out that Mr. Higgins, M.P., had said that ports round Ireland would make good retreats for foreign fleets. That was a seditious statement. (Cheers.) Mr. Joseph Devlin was now in Australia on "a gospel of love," yet they had heard what Mr. Reid had quoted that night. Such men as Mr. Devlin spoke with double tongues. (Cheers.) The agitation for a Parliament for Ireland was accompanied by a desire for separation. Their own national convention, composed of the United Irish League of Ireland, passed a resolution that no new system of government for Ireland would be accepted as satisfactory, or prove effective, except a Legislative Assembly was elected to represent the people, with power to make laws, with an Executive Council, "responsible to that Assembly." That was an absolute claim for entire separation. He thanked Mr. Reid for his timely protest against imported delegates from Ireland bringing their grievances here. (Cheers.) This petition was similar to one that had been signed in Victoria by 100,000. He trusted it would be signed by a still larger number in New South Wales. (Cheers.) There was one significant fact in connection with the address passed by the Federal Parliament, and that was that the Labour party gave a block vote for it.

A voice: The Cardinal has got them under his thumb.

Mr. Wilks believed that the interjector had given the correct answer in regard to the matter. (Applause.)

Dr. Ronald MacDougall, a visitor from Dublin, in supporting the motion, said he was in Dublin when the address was passed by the House of Representatives. The citizens of Dublin looked upon that action as a huge joke. They considered it sublimely absurd for a Parliament many thousands of miles away to pass an address in regard to Irish affairs. (Applause.) The people of Wexford did not want Home Rule. They would find the demand for it would subside as people got their land. England could not concede it, because she had invested £112,000,000 in Irish land, and would want to know what was to happen in regard to that money.

The resolution was put, and carried unanimously, amidst loud cheering.

PETITION TO BE SIGNED.

Mr. H. W. Lee, M.P., moved:—"That the foregoing resolution be signed as a petition by the Lord Mayor of Sydney and the chairman of this meeting, and forwarded to his Majesty the King."

Mr. W. Anderson, M.L.A., seconded the motion.

It was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The customary votes of thanks were passed and the meeting sang "Rule Britannia" and the National Anthem, after which cheers were given for "A United Empire" and for Mr. Reid.

THE DENTISTS' DINNER.

The annual reunion of Sydney University dental graduates and undergraduates took place in the A.B.C. Cafe last night, Dr. H. G. Hardie presiding, and among the graduates present were Dr. Annie Praed and Dr. Madge Barnes. Dr. Ash, in proposing the toast of "The University Dental School," said he was glad to see so many students, graduates, and demonstrators in friendly intercourse. It was well that they should meet thus, as it promoted a good feeling in the profession. Dentistry, in these modern times, called for the highest skill, and he thought Sydney had reason to be proud of the students which her dental schools moulded into professional men. They were all proud of the excellent work done in the cause of philanthropy by the Sydney Dental School—an institution in which the best skill was employed. He hoped to see a continuance of its good work, and in conclusion wished the Sydney University Dental School all success.

Dr. Fairfax Reading, in responding, urged graduates not to sever their connection with the University. Union was necessary, he said, and room would always be found for good men.

During the evening a bright musical programme was given, in which the following took part:—Mr. Woodgate, Dr. Deck, Dr. Neave, Mr. Dangar Burne, Dr. Burne, and Dr. Ash.

PARSLEY BAY RESUMPTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The letter from your correspondent "Justice" in your issue of 21st inst. cannot be called a reply to my letter and open challenge to him in your issue of 19th inst. "Justice" is apparently making a lot of fuss about the contents of my letter of 16th inst. In it I stated: "The land when sold realised from £4 5s to £6 per foot. Let us for argument sake take it at £6 per foot all round, allowing for the increased interest centred in water frontages since the agitation started." Later on I said "that the land asked for by the committee at this price would total £9336 10s, plus percentage for forced resumption." "Justice" then rushes into print, and tries to heap ridicule on my head, and says the land (or rather his lot) is worth £11 a foot; and in his second letter (of 21st inst.) asserts that he values the ledge of rocks with water frontage resumed at £6 10s to £7 a foot (more than the price paid for the full depth of lot).

Perhaps "Justice" has discovered a gold mine on his land at Parsley Bay, and he is reckoning the auriferous contents of the soil as part for which he has to be compensated. "Justice" does not care to produce the Vaucluse assessment of values, so my challenge to him can be easily construed by the public that the sworn value placed upon the Parsley Bay land by the Vaucluse Council is considerably less than the £6 per foot, plus compensation price, I mentioned. "Justice" goes on to say:—"It would be amusing if it were not so sad to see a man so blind to all other interests but his own as to accuse 'Justice' of showing an intensely selfish spirit all through his letter." Well, if it is not selfishness it is simply exercising the spirit of wanting 100 per cent. profit and trying to stop the Crown securing certain land for public use. There is not much of patriotism or philanthropy about this. Certain gentlemen and myself have been doing all we can to get some of the harbour foreshores set apart for the people. Who shall dare say this is not a public-spirited action? No one has thought of taking away any owner's land without fair payment. But this is for the Crown to settle. Yet when I was requested to publicly state what I did about the value paid for the land "Justice" makes a personal attack upon me, which, however, now falls on his own pate.

To quote Lord Salisbury, "my smooth stone from the brook of hard facts" though slung by a David has hit this Goliath "Justice" in a vital spot. His arguments also on examination turn out to be no stronger than "a lath painted to represent iron." As to the communication of "Property Owner" of 19th inst. it is so evident that he sails in the same boat as "Justice" that it is not worth replying to in full, beyond saying that his general foul slander inferred of the sailing men of Sydney is indeed of the "cheap and nasty" order, as is evidenced by his being afraid to append his name. Trusting that the Crown will resume the full area at Parsley Bay as requested, I am, etc.,

W. A. NOTTING,
Hon. Secretary Harbour Foreshores Vigilance Committee.
May 23.

PARLIAMENTARY JUBILEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable columns to correct a statement with reference to the above in the personal column of to-day, where it is stated that the only surviving member of the first reform Parliament of 1858 present besides Mr. Morris Asher was Mr. Samuel Lyons. To begin with, the reform Parliament of 1858, or the third Parliament, did not open till August 30, 1859. Of that Parliament there are at least six survivors, four of whom were present on Tuesday last, the other two being Mr. Charles Cowper (junior he was then), who sat in the third, fourth, and fifth Parliaments till July, 1866, when his seat was declared vacant by reason of his absence for an entire session without leave, and my father, Mr. William Walker, M.L.C., of Windsor, who was elected on the resignation of Mr. W. B. Dalley, for Windsor. He also sat in the third, fourth, and fifth Parliaments till November, 1869, and was subsequently, in 1887, appointed by the late Sir Henry Parkes to the Legislative Council, where he still is, and hopes to remain.

I would also like to have this opportunity of pointing out that the two other members living of the third Parliament who were not able to be present were Mr. E. M. Sayers, who is residing at Mosman, and who represented St. Leonards in 1859 to 1860, when he resigned, and did not again represent any constituency, and my uncle, Mr. Frederick A. Cooper, who is living in Melbourne, and was too unwell to be present. He represented Braidwood from 1859 to 1860, when he resigned.

I may also say that my father was personally acquainted with every member of the Stuart Alexander Donaldson Ministry. They were his friends, and he has known every Cabinet since the advent of responsible government, in 1856, and it was he who brought out the late Sir John Bayley Darvall for the Hawkesbury, in the above reform Parliament.

I am, etc.,
FREDERICK W. WALKER.
May 24.

NORTHERN SUBURBS HUNDRED.

Since the initiatory meeting held at North Sydney for the purpose of arranging this year's collection in connection with the "northern suburbs hundred," in which Mrs. C. J. Royle and Mrs. T. R. Dibbs are taking a leading part, meetings have been held at Chatswood and Neutral Bay, when the various "collectorates" were allotted. Those ladies who have promised to assist at Chatswood are:—Mrs. Clarence Read, Mrs. Burchett, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. R. J. Black, Mrs. Pickburn, Mrs. T. R. Bavin, and the Misses Duff, Butler, Ash, and Hartigan. At Neutral Bay the body of lady workers will include Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. Beatson, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Borchard, Mrs. Malbon Thompson, Mrs. M'Intyre, Mrs. Levien, Mrs. Felix Randle, Miss Peden, Miss Murray, Miss Small, and Miss Cargill. A similar meeting was held at Lane Cove, and the various "collectorates" arranged. So generous has been the response to the call for assistance that the movement this year promises to be equally successful as that held last year, when the funds of the Royal North Shore Hospital were considerably augmented.

For Influenza and Colds in the Head, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

The Cootamundra Annual Picnic Races are illustrated and described in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail;" also the Wellington races.—Advt.

ARBITRATION PROPOSALS.

BEFORE THE LABOUR COUNCIL.

EMPLOYERS' ATTITUDE CRITICISED.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council some considerable time was spent in discussion upon a report from the executive committee, with reference to proposed amendments in the Arbitration law. The executive submitted the result of the deliberations of the recent conference between representatives of the council and of the Employers' Federation of New South Wales, and appended certain recommendations in respect to each of the conference proposals. It recommended in the first place—"That an amendment of the present Arbitration Act is desired." The council adopted this as a formal motion. The second proposal, however, which read, "That the Court, as at present constituted, be entirely altered," was undecided when the council rose at about 10 o'clock.

The president, Mr. E. J. Kavanagh, in submitting the executive's report, called attention to the resolution which had been carried at the Interstate Employers' Conference at Brisbane, as reported in yesterday's issue. The effect of this resolution was that there should be a voluntary system of conciliation and arbitration, as opposed to the present methods of compulsory arbitration, now the law in New South Wales, New Zealand, and Western Australia. He explained that when he and the other Labour delegates met the employers in conference in Sydney, the basis of the discussion was upon compulsory arbitration. He regarded the Brisbane resolution, therefore, as being directly in antagonism to the understanding upon which the Sydney conference had risen. "It comes to this," added the president, "if Mr. Spencer, of New South Wales, who moved the Brisbane conference resolution, represents the views of the employers of New South Wales, then Mr. Moore, the president of the Employers' Federation here, does not. Therefore, it is necessary for the council to know the position before any further negotiations can have any good effect."

The council discussed the executive's report in committee, and when the debate was adjourned a decision had, it was explained, been arrived at to the effect that the conference between the representatives of the council and the Employers' Federation could not be resumed on 29th inst, as originally proposed, but would have to be adjourned till a later date. The main reason for this decision was, it is said, the fact that the report of the executive had to be left over for further consideration at next Thursday's meeting of the council.

The questions which will come up for consideration by the Labour Council next Thursday are the following:—

1. That the Court as at present constituted should be entirely altered.
2. That the Act should provide for a Board of Conciliation consisting of whatever number of experts might be agreed upon connected with each industry; that the board should fix the rate of wages and the hours of work; that in the event of their coming to an agreement that that shall become law, and binding upon all those interested; that in the event of the Board of Conciliation not coming to an agreement it should be referred to a Judge, whose decision shall be final, and whatever decision he might arrive at should be made a common rule applicable to both sides.
3. That the legal profession be excluded from appearing before the Boards of Conciliation, and restricted in their attendance before the Court.
4. That in the event of any employer being brought before the Court for any breach, the employee participating in such breach shall be summoned and dealt with at the same time.
5. That fines shall go into the consolidated revenue.

MR. FRANK T. BULLEN'S LECTURES.

"THE WAY THEY HAVE IN THE NAVY."

Notwithstanding the wet weather last evening there was a fair attendance at the Lyceum Hall, where Mr. Frank T. Bullen delivered a lecture on "The Way They Have in the Navy." Mr. Bullen held the attention of his audience from the start to the finish as he related in well-chosen language the adventures, and possible adventures, of ships and shipmen in the British Navy. He spoke of the tremendous power and value of a navy, and said that if Australians would spend at least 10 per cent. of that which they now spend in sport on the building and maintaining of vessels they would have a fleet which would be able to cope with any enemy. He pointed out that Napoleon's downfall was brought about because he had not the empire of the sea.

Mr. Bullen then proceeded to explain the difference between the old methods and the new. In the time of Nelson it was a case of "round down your enemy, grapple him, and board." Then came a hand-to-hand fight. Now the fighting was all done at a distance of several miles, and it was a test of brains rather than of physical strength and courage. But the British tar was not lacking in courage. The training was severe, and they were taught to be cool under all circumstances. Above all, they were taught implicit obedience. First, obedience; second, swift obedience; third, obedience without thinking about it.

Pictures were thrown on the screen of vessels of the old Victory type, which Mr. Bullen said were a marvel of clumsiness. Then a modern battleship was shown, and in a most interesting manner the many improvements were described. A single battleship of the present day carried more armour than an entire fleet of 100 years ago. And the men. How different they were to the piratical rascals of the former period! There was a high standard set, and boys who wished to join and stop in the navy had to be smart, because there was no room there for the born-tired sort.

The lecturer described the different types of vessels in the navy. The battleship, the cruisers, first, second, and third class, the torpedo boats and destroyers, the submarines, the repair ships, and others, but he said that under Sir John Fisher the various types were gradually passing away. The chief thing needed was great gun power. He was surprised to notice that the Japanese cruiser Matsushima, at present in Sydney Harbour, carried a 66-ton 12½in gun. This meant that though only a small ship, she could hold a whole fleet of Powerfuls at her own distance, and destroy them one at a time.

In conclusion, Mr. Bullen said that the command of the sea was vital to the existence of Great Britain. We should remember the way they have in the navy, and the duty we owe to those splendid fellows who help us to rule the waves. Mr. Bullen will repeat his first two lectures, "Romance and Reality at Sea" and "Whales and Whale Fishing," this evening and Saturday evening respectively.

COST OF BUILDING AND RUNNING MAIL STEAMERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A few days ago I noticed a statement in the "Herald," giving some figures under this heading, said to have emanated from inquiries made in England by Mr. Coghlan. I am not aware from what source Mr. Coghlan obtained his statistics. I think, however, they are erroneous to some extent, and it may, therefore, interest some of your readers if I quote from authentic sources:—

The steamers Campania and Lucania are each 12,500 tons gross, and 21,000 tons displacement. Their speed is 22 knots, and their coal consumption at that speed 480 tons per day. Their machinery weighs 6400 tons, and they carry 3000 tons of coal. To increase the speed of these vessels to 23 knots, 8000 additional horse power would be required; to 24 knots, 48,000 horse power would be required, and a coal consumption of 750 tons per day.

To show the difference in the indicated horse power necessary to drive two classes of vessels, the subjoined illustration may be given:—Celtic, 20,904 tons, at 16 knots, requires 13,000 indicated horse power; Kaiser Wilhelm, 19,500 tons, requires 38,000 horse power to drive her at 24 knots. This vessel cost £1,300,000.

If it is desired to increase the speed of an 18-knot vessel to 20 knots, it will be necessary to increase her length 22 per cent., tonnage 66 per cent., boiler capacity and engine room crew 77 per cent. Froude's formula is as follows:—1 per cent. increase in speed requires 2 per cent. increase in length; 6 per cent. increase in tonnage and coal, 7 per cent. increase in horse power, boiler capacity, and engine room crew.

For the four 20-knot steamers for the Canadian service the Canadian Government were to pay £175,000 per annum; British Government were to pay £87,500 per annum—£262,500. If a 25-knot service was required, the subsidy to be paid was £400,000 per annum.

I am, etc.,
NAUTICUS.
May 24.

Algy had it in the head,
Sue had it in the throat,
And sister Mary Jane could not
Get near her high top note;
And dad said hard words of the flue,
In language none too pure;
And now we're all as good as new,
Through Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

Of Interest to Footballers.—The "Sydney Mail" is devoting a special section solely to the interests of first-grade Rugby footballers. Each week four splendid photos. (specially taken by the Talma Studios, 374 George-street). This week P. H. Burge, J. McMahon, Peter Moir, and A. Conlon are given. In our next issue E. Mandible, A. Prentice, T. O'Donnell, and A. S. Hennessy will be given. This is in addition to the usual football section.—Advt.

THE CRICKET CRISIS.

MEETING OF GROUND MEMBERS.

REPRESENTATION ON THE TRUST.

A meeting of members of the Sydney Cricket Ground was called at St. James' Hall yesterday for the purpose of considering the right of members of the ground to representation thereon. Mr. Andrew Moore was voted to the chair, and there were over 100 present, a number which was considered satisfactory in view of the unfavourable weather.

Mr. Moore, in announcing the object of the meeting, said he was glad to be present to enter his humble protest against the administration of the present trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground. The ground existed for the purpose of encouraging cricket, and not to have forced upon the members a class of sport altogether different.

Mr. R. H. L. Innes said he was not there for political purposes, nor as a member of the New South Wales Cricket Association, but simply as a member of the ground, and he had been asked to move the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of the members the trust of the Sydney Cricket Ground should be reconstituted, and provision made for the direct representation of the members thereon." This meeting, said Mr. Innes, had been precipitated by the present cricket crisis. There was a feeling amongst the members that the trustees of the ground were working with the Melbourne Cricket Club, though they should, however, suspend their judgment until the facts were available. It was hard to get at the facts. In his opinion the present trustees were out of touch with sport of the present day. Owing to absence the ground had been managed by a minority of trustees, and minorities were dangerous. They were apt to think that the public existed for them, and not they for the public. The time had arrived when the ground should be controlled by a responsible body, and those who helped to maintain it should have a voice in its control, and all classes should be represented. The meeting that day was limited to an expression of opinion concerning such representation. A large income came from the members, and those that paid the piper should call the tune. They had no Rugby football at present on the ground. Owing, in his opinion, to the ill-advised action of the trustees it was unlikely that an English team would come to Australia, and had it not been for such action he thought a team would have come out under the auspices of the Marylebone Club. (Applause.) Mr. Innes, in conclusion, trusted that the necessary Act of Parliament would go through, providing for the reconstitution of the trust, and that the members have representation thereon.

Mr. J. C. Waine seconded the resolution, and in the course of a short speech, said that wherever there was taxation there should be representation. As far as he knew there was no body of members in the world who had no representation such as those of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Mr. R. W. Caldwell, in supporting the motion, quoted the following figures, which he admitted having received from Mr. C. W. Oakes, M.L.A.:—The revenue from members in 1895 was £3655, and from the bar, which also came from members, £955; in 1896 members' fees £3388, bar takings £1070; 1898, from members £6410, from the bar £1355; 1901, from members £5051, from the bar £870. For the 20 years from 1876 to 1896 members' subscriptions totalled £28,590, and bars £6820; a total of £35,410. This was out of a total revenue of £82,083, so that members were fully entitled to have a voice in the control of the ground.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Felix Randle moved the next resolution,—"That a provisional committee be now formed to make all necessary arrangements for carrying the above resolution into effect."

Mr. C. G. Hodgson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The following names were proposed as a provisional committee:—The Lord Mayor, Messrs. Felix Randle, C. G. Hodgson, R. W. Caldwell, R. H. L. Innes, E. W. Gregory, J. C. Waine, C. F. W. Lloyd, H. H. Massie, E. Trevor Jones, A. H. Moore, E. S. Marks, W. M. Walker, A. J. Sands, C. M. Drew, S. R. Walford, Dr. A. A. Palmer, J. McMahon, A. H. Macarthur.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was carried.

SUPPORT TO THE N.S.W. C.A.

Before the meeting broke up, Mr. S. R. Walford moved,—"That this meeting is in entire sympathy with the New South Wales Cricket Association in the stand it has taken during the present crisis." This was seconded by Mr. D. M. Myers, and carried unanimously.

THE HORSE-BUYER'S GUIDE.

Mr. F. T. Barton begins his introduction to "The Horse-buyer's Guide" (R. A. Everett and Son) with the admission that anyone can buy a horse. Why, certainly. Also a great many people have started out and bought horses, though they hardly knew the difference between a saddle-horse and a clothes-horse; and their custom is graciously encouraged by the gentlemen who have cronk horses for sale. The amateur horse-buyer is, to put it plainly, one of many kinds of a fool, and the comic journals, when they have worn out their readers' endurance of the noble mother-in-law joke, can nearly always count upon a laugh when they describe the eagerness such a buyer displays to acquire at a great price a crock which is only fit for the nourishment of the carnivora at the Zoo. Mr. Barton advises the amateur to obtain the services of a veterinary surgeon who would know the points of a horse, and would not allow his client to buy at any price the knock-kneed, spavined brute, with one eye, and that defective, which the engaging horse-dealer is urging him to add to his stable. And if such professional aid is not available Mr. Barton commends his little book as calculated to give all the information that would reasonably be required. He tells the reader what may and what should be expected, teaches him what to avoid, and gives him useful "points" by which he may satisfy himself as to the age and so forth of the animal submitted for sale.

WENTWORTH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In common doubtless with many others I have read with much interest your account of the passing of the Constitution Act, of the election of the first representative Assembly and its work. It has struck me as rather remarkable that the man who took the chief part in the introduction of the new order of things should have apparently taken little or no interest in Parliamentary work afterwards. As there is no mention of Mr. Wentworth having stood for election to the Lower House, I presume he had a seat in the Legislative Council. If, as I understand, he never took office, may I ask if there is any known reason for his not doing so?

I am, etc.,
INTERESTED.
May 23.

WESTERN RAILWAY TRAVELLING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The railway authorities treat first-class passengers from Dubbo West with scant courtesy. The sleeping car is taken off at Dubbo, and it is the first carriage next to the engine. Passengers have to make their way through a platform crowded almost to the rear of the train to the first-class lavatory carriage only to find it full to overflowing.

I would suggest (1) That no one be admitted to the platform without a ticket. (2) That the first-class carriage be attached as close as possible to the sleeping car. (3) That numbered seats be given to through passengers by sleeping car, to secure them a seat in a reserved compartment for all stations beyond Dubbo.

I am, etc.,
TRAVELLER.

PILES AGAIN BANISHED.

ZAM-BUK A PROMPT CURE.

"Some six or seven years ago," says Mr. A. R. Russell, of "Rothsay," Day-street, Drummoyne, Sydney, "I contracted that dreaded complaint, Piles. The agony I experienced at times was almost unbearable. On several occasions I was forced to leave my work, and could not get a decent night's sleep, and was very indifferent to my meals. I consulted several doctors, and tried many so-called cures in the hope of alleviating my suffering, but to no effect. In fact, I believe, if anything, the complaint was aggravated, instead of relieved. A friend recommended Zam-Buk Ointment, and although I was not keen on it, I decided to give it a trial, taking a course of Bile Beans at the same time to keep my bowels regular. In less than a month the change in my condition was, indeed, wonderful. Zam-Buk lessened the pain from the first application, and the Piles gradually disappeared. It is now six months since the cure was effected, and I may, therefore, safely say that the Piles have disappeared for good. My health in general is also greatly improved, as I can now eat heartily and get a good night's rest." Zam-Buk is invaluable for Eczema, Ulcers, Scalp Diseases, Ringworm, Psoriasis, Bad Legs, Inflammation, Rashes, Eruptions, Pimples, Sores, Scabs, Scales, Pains, Swellings, Chapped Hands, Sore Faces, Cold Sores, Chilblains, Chills, Cold in the Head, Cuts, Burns, Festerings, Gatherings, Poisoned Wounds, etc. Of all chemists, or post free from the Zam-Buk Co., 39 Pitt-street, Sydney, price 1s 6d, or 3s 6d family size (containing nearly four times the quantity).—Advt.

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MARRIAGES.

BALLARD—REID.—On May 10, at St. Michael's Church, by the Rev. Dr. J. N. Manning, Alfred John Ballard, to Ethel May Reid, second daughter of William Reid, boatbuilder, of Ferry-road, Glebe Point.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

MACKY—MOREWOOD.—May 24, 1881, by special license, at the residence of the bride's brother, the late Samuel Rowley Morewood, Esq., B.A., B.M., T.C.P., and L.L.M., R.C.S.I., Draperstowe, co. Derry, Ireland, William Marcus Dill Macky, minister of the Presbyterian Church, Draperstowe, to Ellen Elizabeth (Ellie), youngest daughter of the late John Morewood, Esq., M.D.

DEATHS.

COHEN.—May 24, at Melbourne, Joel, second son of the late Solomon Cohen, of Sydney and Melbourne, and brother of S. and H. Cohen, 42 Waverley-road, Woollahra.

DUFFY.—May 24, at his residence, White Horse Hotel, King-street, Newtown, James, the beloved husband of Isabella Duffy, aged 48 years.

HOBDAY.—On 23rd inst, at Bongaree, Fairlight-crescent, Manly, Priscilla Margaret, the beloved wife of H. S. Hobday. (N.Z. and Melbourne papers please copy.)

MURPHY.—May 23, at the Sacred Heart Hospice, George F. Murphy, aged 62. R.I.P.

WHITEHURST.—May 24, at his late residence, Gerald-street, Marrickville, Enoch Whitehurst, aged 45 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BERTRAM.—In loving remembrance of Ada Bertram, who fell asleep May 25, 1905. Inserted by her loving friend, Alice Hocking. Flowers may fade, but memory never.

BINGHAM.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Matilda Louisa, relict of the late Edward Bingham, Esq., Clydesdale, Rowntree-street, Balmain, died May 24, 1903, aged 69 years. So sadly missed. Inserted by her affectionate daughter (Claire). Mrs. Neville Montagu, Merae, Heydon-street, Mosman.

CRUM.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Thomas Crum, who died at Newcastle May 25, 1903, aged 48 years. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Archibald and Charlotte Crum.

HARTNETT.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Laurence M. Hartnett, who departed this life May 25, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

IVORY.—In loving memory of our dear father, George Ivory, who departed this life May 25, 1901. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, John and Ciss. Though lost to sight, to memory dear.

MANLEY.—In fond remembrance of our dearly beloved daughter and sister, Clara Manley, who departed this life May 25, 1901, aged 18 years and 2 months.

If God's loving arms have taken
One we held most dear,
We will trust Him with our darling;
She is safer there than here.

Inserted by her loving mother and sister, C. H. Manley, and F. E. Davidson.

MANLEY.—In ever loving memory of Clara, "My Darling," second daughter of Mrs. C. H. Manley, of 275 Henderson-road, Alexandria, died May 25, 1901, aged 18 years. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Philip Le Marten.

PAYNE.—In loving remembrance of Reuben Payne, who departed this life May 25, 1905, at 60 Albany-road, Petersham. Inserted by his loving wife and children, Rosie and Jessie.

PAYNE.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Reuben Payne, who departed this life May 25, 1905, at 60 Albany-road, Petersham. Inserted by his loving daughters, Nurse Payne and Marion Payne.

PAYNE.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, Reuben Payne, who departed this life May 25, 1905, at 60 Albany-road, Petersham. Inserted by his loving daughter Edith Payne.

PAYNE.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, Reuben Payne, who departed this life May 25, 1905, at 60 Albany-road, Petersham. Inserted by his loving daughter, Hannah Payne.

PAYNE.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, Reuben Payne, who departed this life May 25, 1905, at 60 Albany-road, Petersham. Inserted by his only son, Reuben Payne.

SUMMERVILLE.—In loving memory of Walter Summerville, who departed this life May 25, 1903. Inserted by his loving friend, Bessie Weir.

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YESTERDAY'S CELEBRATION.

Although the outward expression of Empire Day enthusiasm was slightly dampened by the welcome rain, it may be easily gathered from our reports this morning that the celebration was a success. There ran all through it and through all the sentiments expressed a healthy feeling of race pride and Imperial unity, as well as the assertion of a clear claim of brotherhood with the rest of the Empire. In this respect the day stands alone as a commemoration. Other days have been set apart for the expression of personal loyalty to the Sovereign and his heir. The Crown is specially held in view on these occasions, but yesterday we had something different, though in a sense part of the same thing. Inasmuch as the Empire centres in the Throne, both were honoured. But the predominant feeling was one of fraternity with the rest of the Empire in all its parts and geographical divisions, and acknowledgment of the common race tie and community of interest. When the Earl of Meath first set the movement going he had something of this in view, and it is this which gives the element of vitality and realism to Empire Day. It is not the glorification of a few faddists, but the expression of an emotion actuating the whole people. If it began locally in an obscure way popular sentiment has lifted it up to a higher plane, and in proportion to the extent to which the celebration of Empire Day is broadened and nationalised will it prove an increasing success. Whatever was consonant with this spirit in yesterday celebrations made for the popularity and permanence of Empire Day, and anything else was against it.

Why should we create another popular festival and commemorate the Empire? That question is asked, and coupled with the familiar remark that surely we have holidays enough. Well, yesterday was not a public holiday, but the occasion stirred the popular mind sufficiently to make a gala day of it. Flags and wreaths lit up the city here and there with colour, and the illuminations diffused a pleasant glow through the mist and rain at night. The schools and the defence forces made display. But outside all this there was evident the existence of a feeling that could not be adequately expressed by flags and illuminations, or even by speeches, though there were plenty of these. It was something in the popular instinct that responded—something that reflected a knowledge that all over the world, wherever the old flag flies, men and women of our race and blood were echoing the same sentiments of devotion to the common cause and pride in the Empire's greatness and achievements. Perhaps through it all there ran also an echo of that race enthusiasm which vibrated in the pulses of Britons across leagues of separating sea and land when the challenge of war was heard in South Africa, and Canada and Australia responded to "the trumpet's taunting invitation." We do not need the call to arms to touch this chord of kinship, neither is it advisable that the instinct of mutual interdependence should slumber in times of peace. Empire Day gives us an occasion on which to revive national memories, lest we forget; and to join hands over the Empire's vast round in the pledge of national fraternity and of readiness to stand shoulder to shoulder in peace or war.

THE FUTURE OF THE PACIFIC.

Mr. Seddon has been speaking in Melbourne on the subject of the Pacific and its future, and Australian interests and expectations therein. It is a matter we are rather prone to undervalue and lose sight of, and yet from the point of view which the Premier of New Zealand takes it is not unseasonable to give at least a passing glance at it at a time like the present, when the sentiment of Empire is in the air. The question as to who are to be our neighbours in the Pacific has been raised before, and in a way it has received at different times a good deal of desultory attention. We heard of it before Bismarck annexed a portion of New Guinea, and when the recidiviste question made New Caledonia a danger to our social order. New Britain and the neighbouring islands passed later on into the possession of Germany, and so in due course did Apia. The United States acquired one of the finest naval harbours in the world at Tutuila, and the acquisition of the Philippines and the Hawaiian Group built up American power in Pacific waters. Then there is the question of the New Hebrides, which even now is under discussion in London and Paris, and respecting which we were informed by cable the other day that the British Government awaited an expression of opinion by the spokesmen of the Australian Commonwealth. There ought to be no difficulty in eliciting that, especially as the question has now been before the Australian public for years, and more particularly in consequence of recent events and a line or two in the Anglo-French Agreement.

Mr. Seddon does not mince matters in referring to this special aspect of the Pacific question. "We have lost Samoa and the Hawaiian Islands," he told his hosts in Melbourne on Wednesday evening, "and the question which demands attention is the future control of the New Hebrides and other islands of the Pacific." The question is an Australasian as well as an Imperial one, and Mr. Seddon has this much in his favour that the British Cabinet has admitted that by inviting the opinions and advice of Australasian public men. It apparently requires a great deal of pressure to get the Commonwealth Government to take much interest in anything outside electioneering politics and the Tariff Commission's reports just now, but the New Zealand Premier is in a somewhat different position. He has to take a broader view. His colony is out in the Pacific, over a thousand miles from the Australian mainland, and in direct touch with Samoa, Hawaii, and other points of interest in that ocean. It naturally feels its instinct of self-protection especially appealed to where the question of our future neighbours in the Pacific is involved, and the Premier believes strongly in the good policy of letting his views be known to Imperial statesmen, who, he says, "if they had been in the colonies would have seen that these islands must be British." It is rather late to call as he does upon New Zealand and Australia to combine and say that there shall be only one flag dominating the Pacific, and that the Union Jack. But it is not too late to wake up to a knowledge of the fact that British statesmen are open to listen to our representations on the subject, and are even waiting for them.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

The work of the Tariff Commission has continued now for some months; and as the date for the opening of the Federal Parliament approaches the discussion of the progress reports now in hand is bound to be searching and suggestive. The first of these is only a precis of work done, and gives the Prime Minister an idea of the nature of future inquiries. The second report deals with the distillation of spirits; the third covers the wine industry; and the last is concerned with industrial alcohol. As the text of these reports shows, there seems to be fair agreement among the Commissioners that certain anomalies exist and should be adjusted. It can be understood, of course, that the distilling industry has to encounter fierce competition; but the point that is of special importance is that inferior spirit is declared to be ousting the superior because of the tariff anomalies. If it be accepted as certain that whisky, for instance, is being consumed of a quality injurious to health because the manufacture of the better class of spirit is rendered difficult, if not impossible, owing to the way in which the excise duties are adjusted, then there is every reason why Parliament should give the matter its attention. Health is the first consideration, and no principle need be sacrificed in removing the anomaly. At the same time it should be noted that Victorian distillers complain of the extensive manufacture of cheaper spirits in Queensland and New South Wales. This is a point which cannot be dealt with out of hand, except as it may affect the general question of the consumption of inferior alcohol; and both this State and its northern neighbour may be expected to insist upon their sides being heard. No one wishes to see the consumption of cheap and inferior spirits "encouraged at the expense and sacrifice of spirits of higher grade, quality, and price," and we know too much of the evils wrought by adulteration to begin to split hairs about equality of opportunity.

The third and fourth reports are of special interest because they cover enterprises of great importance to the Commonwealth either actual or potential. The wine industry contains in it the essence of a great forward movement in the intensive culture of the soil throughout a wide area; and there is every hope that with skill and patience Australian wines will take their place for good alongside the best that can be produced anywhere in the world. There appears to be little in the Commissioners' recommendations to which exception may be taken, in that the fortifying of native wines, and the prevention of the export of immature wines, are specifically dealt with. Even those who refuse to take any special interest in wine-making need not throw a stone at the report for dealing as it does with trade rather than with consumption. The fourth report, however, may be accepted at once as proposing a very important and far-reaching amendment in the manufacture and distribution of industrial alcohol. There has been for some time a realisation that the Commonwealth has been limiting its industrial possibilities by unduly restricting the importation of denatured spirits. So much may be done with methylated spirits, and they enter so largely into the manufacture of a host of commodities, that common sense has suggested the recognition of their value, and the Commission has made it easy to accept its recommendations in this particular. Of the reports generally it may be said that whatever can be dealt with in this way should be welcomed. Tariff anomalies by being considered and dealt with within reasonable limits need raise no tariff issue, and all we have to watch is Mr. Deakin's desire to use the Commission as a weapon against the coming elections.

FAIR PLAY AND THE RAILWAYS.

The State Premier has explained that the interest bill on public loans is almost covered by the revenues available from productive works, and that a sum of about two hundred thousand pounds may be taken to represent the margin to be met out of taxation in the current financial year. The difference between income and outgo on the wrong side in this account last year was about half a million pounds; but the increased earnings of the railways have so narrowed it that we are now able to congratulate ourselves on a position that compares so favourably with the soundest positions in the Empire. Mr. Carruthers closes the argument by saying:—"In point of fact, we get all the bridges and all the public institutions that have been built for loan moneys for practically a rent of about £200,000, so that all the talk about the taxpayer having to pay this interest is very far-fetched." But the further point is made that the freights on our railways to farmers are practically not a quarter as high in comparison as the English farmer has to pay; "so it cannot be said that our heavy interest bill is causing us to overload our settlers with heavy railway rates and charges, which, as a matter of fact, compare favourably with the railway charges in almost any part of the world." Now, we are quite prepared to allow most of this to stand, and yet there is a question underlying it all which requires an answer. A fallacy may be detected in the whole argument. Mr. Carruthers seems to assume that, because the interest bill on public loans is so far met by the services of the State, there is really little to trouble about in respect to administration. Railway rates taken at large are compared with those of England, and we perceive at once that the comparison is not fair. Why should we need to discuss the importation of a great railway expert if things in this direction are so eminently satisfactory? Moreover, it must be remembered that a great deal of transportation of produce in the old country is by canals, and that the railway monopolies deal largely with passenger traffic. In addition, it should be kept in mind that the true comparison is with our competitors, not with England—with Canada, the United States, and South America. Great Britain represents the consumer rather than the producer in these days, and the thing is to give the farmer here equal advantages with those enjoyed by the American farmer.

Mr. Carruthers may try to meet this by urging that his comparison takes in "the railway charges in almost any part of the world." But it is not specific. A great trouble, too, is that any general comparison does not help us to understand what is involved. We find, for instance, that paying and non-paying lines in this State are lumped together. The paying lines have to carry the non-paying; and the producer who happens to be making a living on a very profitable bit of railway—because settlement is thick and competition is keen—finds that he is penalised for his pains in getting as close to port as possible. Rates are not lowered in proportion as the line pays, but are kept up to serve the lines which are worked at a loss. Thus, while a general comparison may be comforting, if specific cases were taken a very different story would have to be told. We may be asked, of course, whether it would be fair to pile up the rates on non-productive lines. Why penalise the unfortunate pioneer on a track that should, perhaps, never have been built? It is not suggested that he should be penalised. But fair play should be given the other farmer; and it surely would not be difficult for the Railway Commissioners to set down what could be considered a reasonable rate for the non-paying line, and allow the taxpayer to make up the difference. The point, of course, is that the producer must get to market overseas, and there he has to encounter a competition so fierce that he is in danger of being handicapped out of existence. Distance from market is already a severe burden; why add to it by a policy such as now exists? For the rest, we still contend that if reform were realised in the administration of the various departments there would be such a surplus that the Government would be able to materially reduce taxation while efficiently assisting the producer. Until we get such reform jubilant comparisons in connection with the interest bill are rather out of place.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

Tariff Commission Progress Reports.—After several months' labour in taking evidence in the capitals and some of the principal cities in each State in the Commonwealth, the Tariff Commission has furnished the Commissioner of Customs with an instalment of its investigations into the operations of the Federal tariff. The instalment is in the shape of three progress reports, marked No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4. The first one, handed to the Prime Minister some time ago, simply informed him what the Commission was doing, and intimated the nature of the future inquiries it proposed to make. The Commission is now sitting in one of the committee rooms of Parliament House, Macquarie-street. Regarding the three reports handed to the Minister for Customs yesterday, No. 2 deals with the distillation of spirits, No. 3 with the wine-growing industry of Australia, and No. 4 with the manufacture and sale of industrial alcohol, i.e., methylated spirits. These reports do not, Sir William Lyne explained, embrace the recommendations made in a special report respecting the new excise duties that should be charged. "If it is decided," observed the Minister, "to submit a proposal to Parliament to alter the excise duties, it would not be right to publish the suggested alterations until a bill amending the Federal Tariff Act is laid on the table of the House. Directly that is done the public revenue cannot be affected, because the proposed excise duties are payable the moment the amended rates are laid before Parliament."

The Distillation Industry.—Apparently the most important investigation so far made by the Tariff Commission relates to the distillation industry. The Commissioners say they found that since the Commonwealth tariff was passed there has been a total cessation of whisky distillation in Victoria, the result being the closing of three distilleries, in which £230,000 was invested. One of the causes of the stoppage was the relative increase of excise duties by 3s per gallon on malt whisky, and 1s per gallon on blended whisky. Another factor was the increased production of new spirit in New South Wales and Queensland, much of which has been transferred to Victoria. There has been a fair increase in the production of brandy in Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, whilst the general distillation of brandy in this State has commenced, where it never existed before. There has been an enormous increase in the production of spirit from molasses in New South Wales and Queensland. The increased excise on Victorian whisky has prevented it from competing successfully with cheap and inferior spirit. Some of that has been sold in the condition in which it was imported, whilst some was blended in Australia, partly with other imported spirit and partly with Australian white spirit distilled from molasses and other cheap material. In order to equalise the conditions of competition in the struggle between the better qualities of Australian spirit and the imported article, it is considered there should be a substantial difference between the duty on the imported and the excise duty on the local article; that cheaply produced imported spirit should pay a higher duty than more expensive spirit; that molasses spirit should not be allowed to "kill out" whisky made from barley and malt; that spirit distilled under excise supervision from superior materials should pay less excise duty than spirits not so produced; that no spirit be recognised as blended brandy unless it contains at least 25 per cent. of grape wine spirit, and, in the case of whisky, 25 per cent. of spirit from malted barley. Finally, it is recommended that a Customs allowance be made for underproof spirit two years old, so as to encourage the importation of good spirit in bulk, and bottling it in bond.

The Australian Wine-growing Trade.—"We recommend," observe the members of the Tariff Commission, in their progress report, "that the excise duty on spirits for fortifying Australian wines be reduced from 1s to 6d per proof gallon." Another recommendation is that Australian wines may, under excise supervision, be fortified up to a strength of 40 per cent., and that a drawback be allowed on Australian spirit used for fortifying exported wine. It is suggested, however, that such fortification should take place under excise supervision, and that action be taken to secure uniform compliance with the requirements of the Distillation Act in the several States. The Commissioners gave careful consideration to the question of preventing immature wines going into consumption, but it was deemed impracticable to attain this end by Commonwealth administration, without prescribed excise regulations which would be detrimental to the industry. It was, therefore, recommended that the Governments of the different States should take steps to ensure that all wines offered for sale should be of the necessary degree of wholesomeness.

Anti-Home Rule Demonstration.—Despite a very wet evening the Town Hall was last night occupied by a large audience, which met to protest against the action of the Federal Parliament in passing an address to the King in favour of Home Rule for Ireland. The principal speaker was Mr. G. H. Reid. In the course of a thoughtful, dispassionate, and interesting address, he was so seriously interrupted on three occasions that the audience took the matter into their own hands, and passed the interjectors out into the sloppy streets. Mr. Reid emphatically condemned the action of the Federal Parliament in assuming to voice the views of the people of Australia on a subject that was not a matter of controversy at the elections, and in no way came within the province of Australian politics. He gave various cogent reasons why it was absolutely impossible for Ireland to be separated from England, and why it was infinitely better that the present legislative union should be maintained than that Ireland should have a distinct Parliament. He showed that when the dual Parliaments did exist in England and Ireland there was constant friction, and the implication was that history would repeat itself if the demands of the Home Rule party were conceded. The petition published in yesterday's issue was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Wilks, M.P. It was further decided that the petition should be signed by the Lord Mayor, and the chairman of the meeting, and forwarded to the King. The proceedings closed with the singing of "Rule Britannia," and the National Anthem.

Examination of W. N. Willis.—The High Court gave its reserved judgment yesterday in the case of Willis and another v Trequair, in which an appeal had been made against a Full Court order setting aside an order of the Chief Judge in Equity for the issue of a commission to examine W. N. Willis in Natal respecting a matter at issue in the Equity Court. The High Court held that as it was not disputed that W. N. Willis was a material witness to the case, and that his attendance could not be procured in Sydney, the other defendants were clearly entitled to have his evidence taken on commission. The appeal was allowed, with costs against the respondent, and the order of summons was restored.

Important Legal Point.—In a matrimonial appeal case before the High Court yesterday, Mr. Mitchell argued that the Supreme Court could not make an order under section 60 of the Matrimonial Causes Act of 1899, having no jurisdiction to make a decree for judicial separation by consent where the charges were withdrawn. The point of law involved was important, he submitted, because the Court had made such decrees for a number of years.

What is a Prohibited Immigrant?—There was an element of humour in the argument which Mr. Pollock put before the High Court yesterday afternoon respecting the definition of a prohibited immigrant. His contention was that there were two classes. The person who was ipso facto a prohibited immigrant, and the person made one by the action of a Commonwealth officer in applying a test that the subject could not possibly pass. "Why," exclaimed Mr. Pollock, addressing the Chief Justice, "even your Honor could be made a prohibited immigrant on returning from a trip abroad." "That is so," replied his Honor, smiling under the pressure of the argument. "No man living can enter the Commonwealth if you want to keep him out." Mr. Pollock then asserted that the coloured fireman of the Mongolia, respecting whose landing the captain had been fined £100, was questioned by 50 words dictated to him in English, and then told to translate them into French. The Chief Justice promptly observed—as his smile broadened—"That was not fair." Mr. Pollock agreed that it was not, and further amused the Court by stating that the Customs officer who applied the test had to admit that he did not understand a word of French himself. The argument put forward on the captain's behalf is that the coloured fireman was not a prohibited immigrant when he deserted from the ship, but was subsequently made one by the action of the Customs officer.

The Light That Failed.—Business in the Summons Division of the Central Police Court terminated at an earlier hour than usual yesterday afternoon "owing to the absence of light." There was not exactly a shortage of "legal light," as fully a score of lawyers occupied seats at the table. The whole trouble was caused owing to the refusal of the gas to respond to the call of duty. The magistrates had a batch of licensing cases before them, and several attempts were made by the messengers attached to the court to light up the chamber, but it was all to no purpose. The aid of matches was then sought, and for several minutes the magistrates endeavoured to read the sheets with the assistance of a single lucifer. After several boxes had been expended the gentlemen on the Bench suggested that it would perhaps be better to adjourn the Court until the following afternoon. As the licensees and prospective hotelkeepers left the court they expressed a hope that the gas service would be placed in working order during the adjournment.

District Court Judges and Divorce Jurisdiction.—In the course of an appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice Simpson, refusing to send a divorce suit to a District Court Judge at Mudgee for the trial of issues, reference was made to the extended jurisdiction given to District Court Judges by the Amending Act passed last year. It was pointed out by the Chief Justice that the Divorce Judge would only be justified in exercising his discretion in this matter on sufficient facts being placed before him to justify reference to a District Court Judge. After all the Divorce Judge had to pronounce the final decree, and upon him frequently fell the responsibility of inquiring into important matters outside the mere issues. It would therefore facilitate his Honor's work if, where issues were remitted to a District Court Judge, and anything became apparent to him, such as collusion or connivance, it appeared on his notes. Collusion might exist in regard to suits for desertion, and yet, unless that was made one of the issues the Court below could not inquire into it. It was also mentioned by one of the counsel engaged in the case that it was contemplated, when the divorce laws of the States were consolidated in a Commonwealth Act, to extend the term for which divorce on the ground of desertion could be obtained from three to five years.

Noxious Trades.—The new regulations recently gazetted with respect to the control of noxious trades include only a few alterations of those formerly in vogue. Holders of slaughtering licenses, who boil down their waste products on the premises, will in future have to register as noxious traders, and must take out a license as fat extractors, for which they will have to pay a license fee of £2 per annum. Hitherto they were under practically no supervision, had to pay no license fee, and competed on unequal conditions with persons registered as fat extractors who are compelled to provide proper appliances to prevent a nuisance, and must pay an annual license fee of £10. In future owners of slaughter yards who boil down on the premises must do so with the aid of those proper appliances. The noxious traders' licenses expire on June 30, and the new regulations will operate as from July 1. By proclamation some time ago pig-keeping was brought under the Noxious Trades Act, and the provisions of the proclamation have been included in the new regulations. Slaughter-house owners who keep pigs will therefore have to obtain a license and register as noxious traders. The new regulations confer more extended powers upon municipal councils to abate and prevent nuisances.

Industrial Alcohol.—Spirit distillers will be much interested in the progress report of the Tariff Commission dealing with the manufacture and sale of industrial alcohol—in other words, methylated spirits. It is recommended that the import duty on such spirit, of a strength not less than 65 per cent. overproof, and methylated in a manner satisfactory to the Commonwealth Analyst, be reduced to 6d per gallon. In the case of similar spirit produced in the Commonwealth, and methylated in bond, the recommendation is that it be free of duty. Further, it is recommended that no methylated spirit of less than 65 per cent. overproof be allowed to be made in the Commonwealth. It is also recommended that approved methylic alcohol, as well as approved methylating and denaturing agents, be free for use in a bond, or on the premises of licensed methylators, but subject to regulations. Another recommendation is that a fee of 1d per gallon be payable upon all locally made methylated spirit. This article, it is suggested, should be divided into three classes, namely (a), industrial spirit for use in the arts of manufacture, except in the case of food, drinks, essences, or tinctures; (b) mineralised spirit for domestic lighting, heating, and power purposes; (d) and spirit for special manufacturing purposes.

Railway Freights for Butter.—The Railway Commissioners have been pressed for some time past to make a reduction in the rates for the carriage of butter. Several deputations waited upon them on the subject, and both the Premier and the Minister for Lands when recently in the country were interviewed by those interested in the dairying industry to ask relief in the way of railway rates. The matter has had a good deal of consideration from the Commissioners, and it is now announced that they propose to make a considerable reduction in the rate for the carriage of this commodity, the reduction being from "C" to "B" rates. The extent of the reduction may be gauged by the fact that "C" rates are about 50 per cent. higher than "B." The reduction will be particularly appreciable, as the tendency has been of late years for butter factories to start considerable distances inland, and the reduction, of course, will be the greater the longer the distance the traffic has to be hauled. The favourable financial position of the railways, together with the desire of the Commissioners to consider primary production, influenced the Commissioners in the proposed reduction.

Ship Painters' Agreement.—The Ship Painters and Dockers' Union of Port Jackson and the New South Wales Interstate Steamship Owners' Association, the New South Wales Coastal Steamship Owners' Association, and Mort's Dock Engineering Company, Ltd., have come to an agreement, which has been signed by the associations interested, and which is to remain in force for two years from May 14. The agreement, after setting out the hours of work of various kinds, rates of pay, overtime, holidays, and other matters, provides that ship crews shall not be debarred, if required, from carrying out any duties in connection with the cleaning, painting, chipping, or scraping of vessels. It also provides for preference to unionists, with the provision that unionists shall assist to procure union labour. For a breach of the agreement there is a liability to a penalty not exceeding £200 for every breach on the part of the industrial union of employers, and provision is also made for penalties to individual employers and employees. In the case of disputes not provided for, there is to be a reference to a board of conciliation, to consist of three representatives to be appointed by the employers and three representatives to be appointed by the employees. Until such conference has been made no dispute arising out of the agreement or any matter not provided for shall be referred to the Court of Arbitration. The agreement is to be filed in the Court as an industrial agreement, and will therefore have the same force as an award of the Court.

Tasmanian Flounders.—Mr. H. C. Dannevig, Superintendent of Fisheries' Investigations, who recently went to Tasmania to secure live flounders in roe for this State, has obtained in the estuary of the Derwent 1200 fish, which are due in this port to-day by the Oonah. The fish are in the tanks in which Mr. Dannevig brought plaice from England. The Oonah, by arrangement with the Customs and Harbour Trust Departments, will stop in Watson's Bay to-day to discharge the boxes into the tug Bulli, which has been specially engaged to convey them to Port Hacking. It was originally intended to utilise the Fisheries Department's well-boat to take the fish from Sydney to the marine hatchery at Gunnamatta Bay in Port Hacking, but the bad weather and heavy sea prevailing necessitated the engagement of a less precarious means of transport. Well-boats are notoriously unsafe in a rough sea. When the Bulli arrives at Port Hacking, the fish will be transferred to the well-boat, and removed at once to the hatchery pond. They will afterwards be stripped, the ova artificially fertilised, and the first practical development in connection with marine-fish culture should then be an accomplished fact. There will be no more shipments of flounder from Tasmania this season, and the board will be guided by the success or otherwise of the Gunnamatta hatchery work before continuing the scheme of acclimatising these fish in our waters next year.

Unfortunate Kosciusko Trout.—Although it was reported from Cooma that Guide Spencer, of West Point, had successfully liberated a number of yearling trout in the Blue Lake, Mount Kosciusko, the fact of the case is that the trout despatched from Prospect to the snowy country never reached their destination. Information just received by the Fisheries Department shows that Inspector Glading left Prospect with cans containing 30 yearling and 30 two-year-old trout, and got them safely to Cooma, and thence to Jindabyne by coach. It was intensely cold at Jindabyne, so the fish were placed in the Snowy River in their cans to await the arrival of the guide, whose intended journey had been retarded by snow. In the morning it was found that all the two-year-old fish had died. Mr. Spencer set out with the rest on pack-horses, but encountered more snow and frosty conditions. He managed to get to within four miles of his destination, but was unable to proceed further that night. He camped out, suffering greatly during the night, and found that the trout were feeling the bitter weather conditions acutely. Fearing that they would not last the night out, a supposition which would probably have been borne out by fact, he liberated the fish in one of the Kosciusko streams. So Blue Lake has not been stocked. The trout had come from comparatively warm water at Prospect, and the change to the frigid conditions of Southern Manaro was too severe. The department has given up hope of trying to stock the lake with Prospect hatchery fish, but is making arrangements for the capture of a number of Snowy River trout next year and their transport to the lake, which is ice-bound during the winter, but will, nevertheless, it is hoped prove a safe water for trout.

Wire Netting.—Tenders for the supply of 4000 miles of wire netting closed on Wednesday, and it is understood that four or five Australian tenders were received. Consideration of them has to be deferred, however, till particulars come to hand of tenders received in London, where they closed also on Tuesday.

A Notable Bulldog.—The other day an important canine transaction was made in Sydney. This was the purchase by Mr. Frank Musgrove, of the Criterion Theatre, of the brindle and white bulldog Glenmore Billie. This grand specimen of the "national breed" was bred in Sydney by Mr. A. A. Armstrong, who sold the dog to Mr. Precious, of Charters Towers. Hearing that a New Zealand fancier was after the dog, Mr. Musgrove stepped in and retained it for this State. Glenmore Billie is by champion Sir William (imp.) ex Hinemoa, and he has won several championship certificates at Sydney and Brisbane shows.

North Bankstown Progress Association.—A public meeting of residents was held at Thompson's Hall, Waldron-road, North Bankstown, on the 7th instant, when it was decided to form a Progress Association, upwards of 20 of those present enrolling themselves as members. Mr. P. Gibbs was elected president, and Mr. G. D. Young honorary secretary and treasurer. A committee was appointed to prepare rules for submission to a meeting on June 4. Various matters affecting the welfare of the district were discussed generally.

At a meeting of the Hornsby Progress Association, held on Wednesday night, a letter was read from the Railway Commissioners stating that £400 would shortly be spent on improving the accommodation on the island platform. The position of the association in regard to the new Shire Council was discussed, and it was decided to continue in existence till the next annual meeting in January. It was stated that the Government had decided to reduce the sharp pinch on the Galston-road at the 17-mile post, and that the work was about to be put in hand.

The official opening of the two new floors which have just been added to Messrs. Stott and Hoare's Business College will take place to-day at 11 o'clock a.m.

It is advertised elsewhere that a new system of dealing with rabbits will be exhibited at the Agricultural Grounds from 2 to 4 p.m. to-day.

Jewellery to the value of £20 was stolen from "Valder Court," Darley-road, Manly, on Tuesday. Thieves had evidently entered the premises through a back door which had been left open.

Murdoch's hat and clothing establishment in Park-street having been increased in size, the firm notify that the opening of the enlarged premises to-morrow will be marked by a free gift of a hat with each order for a suit.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE HAWKER CASE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Several military officers have yet to be dealt with in connection with charges that were inquired into against Major Hawker regarding the borrowing of coal from the barracks at Queenscliff. The Minister for Defence has received a letter from Mr. Crouch, M.P., concerning them. Mr. Crouch, who formulated the charges, states that he had an opportunity of consulting other members of Parliament on the subject, and they have assured him that they will be glad if the matter is allowed now to rest. Personally Mr. Crouch thinks it would be unjust to punish the other officers, in view of the fact that they were not present at the inquiry to hear the allegations and give any rebuttal. He also points out that no charges were made against these particular officers. The Minister has recommended to the Military Board that the matter be taken in hand by the Victorian commandant, who will direct such action as may be necessary under the regulations.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

The Prime Minister saw Mr. Seddon to-day prior to his leaving for Adelaide, and arranged for a formal conference on matters of mutual concern between Australia and New Zealand, to take place on Mr. Seddon's return. The New Zealand Premier is expected back in Melbourne on Thursday next. He will be entertained by the Federal Ministers at dinner at Parliament House.

RABBIT INOCULATION.

Mr. Carruthers has invited the Commonwealth to send a representative to be present at the experiments of Dr. Danysz at Broughton Island. It is unlikely, according to the Prime Minister, that anyone will be appointed, as the States have their own officials to safeguard their interests.

FEDERAL CAPITAL.

The question of the Federal capital site is seldom mentioned among members of Parliament now. The Prime Minister, however, is hoping that something may eventuate in regard to it shortly. "I have been expecting some communication from Mr. Carruthers," said Mr. Deakin to-day, "but it has not arrived yet."

TELEPHONE ATTENDANTS.

Vacancies for operators at telephone exchanges are in future to be filled by the appointment of both male and female officers. Telegraph messengers have to retire at the age of 18 unless they can be promoted to other positions. The Public Service Commissioner has accordingly made a new rule, which will enable many smart lads to be retained in the service by putting them on the switchboards.

MR. DEAKIN AND THE LAND TAX.

Yesterday Mr. Deakin said the State Premiers were trying to force the Commonwealth to impose a land tax to enable it to pay old age pensions. Mr. Bent said to-day that he never heard it suggested. At Hobart in 1905 and this year in Sydney a definite suggestion was made that special Customs duties should be raised from tea and kerosene. He denies Mr. Deakin's assertion.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TAYLOR.

Mr. John Taylor, an ex-alderman of the City Council, died at his residence, Marathon, Queen-street, Woollahra, at an early hour this morning. The deceased gentleman, who had been long identified with the commercial life of this city, took an active interest in municipal affairs, and formerly represented Lang Ward in the City Council. He was at one time an alderman of Balmain, and had filled the Mayoral chair of that borough. He was also vice-president of the Water and Sewerage Board for some years. The late Mr. Taylor was an old colonist, having resided in Sydney upwards of 50 years. He was in his 74th year, and leaves a widow and family.

TO-DAY.

A.M.P. Society: Annual Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 3 p.m.
Ornithological Association: Annual Show, George and Barlow streets, 10 a.m.
Sketch Club Annual Exhibition, 70 Pitt-street.
Epping Races: 2.15 p.m.
United Protestant Demonstration: Meeting, General Committee, Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.
Woollahra Labour League: Meeting, 8 p.m.
Burwood School of Arts: Address by Mr. G. R. Reid, 8 p.m.
Australian Artillery Ball: Town Hall, Paddington.
Lyceum Hall: Frank T. Bullen, "Romance and Reality of the Sea," 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "A Country Girl," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "The Man from Mexico."
Theatre Royal: "The Prodigal Son," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "Nell Gwynne," 8 p.m.
Queen's Hall: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Zoological Gardens: Moore Park, 10 a.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Cinematograph 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Clay's Vaudeville Company: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8 p.m.
Bohemian Dramatic Company: Hay-street, 8 p.m.
Skating: Exhibition Building, 10 a.m.
Living Pictures and "Uranians"; 610 George-street, 8 p.m.
R.A.A. Band: Centennial Park, 3 p.m.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote, accompanied by his Excellency the Governor of South Australia and Lady Le Hunte and suites, were present at the special service at St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday morning.

Her Excellency Lady Northcote in the afternoon presented colours, the gift of the ladies of the British Empire League, to the officers and men of the 1st A. I. Regiment at Victoria Barracks. His Excellency the Governor-General was present.

His Excellency Sir Harry Rawson and Miss Rawson, attended by Mr. Harrison Smith, private secretary, and Captain Leslie Wilson, A.D.C., were present at the Woollahra, Cleveland-street, Darlington, and Fort-street schools yesterday morning. His Excellency delivered an appropriate address in connection with Empire Day at each school. At 1.15 p.m. his Excellency and Miss Rawson attended the special service in St. Andrew's Cathedral, and later lunched with the officers of the 1st Australian Infantry Regiment, and afterwards witnessed the presentation of colours to the 1st Australian Infantry by her Excellency Lady Northcote, at the Victoria Barracks. In the evening his Excellency and Miss Rawson attended the full-dress reception given by their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote.

Mr. Austin Chapman, Postmaster-General, who is now in Europe, sails homeward on June 1.

Some time ago the Premier suggested to Mr. J. B. Suttor, Commercial Agent in the East for New South Wales, that, as he had acquired such an extensive knowledge of the requirements of the East as it affected Australian trade, he might with advantage make a trip to Sydney to confer with the Chamber of Commerce and representative commercial men. In compliance with that invitation, Mr. Suttor has arranged to visit Sydney, and he intimated in a cable he has addressed to Mr. Carruthers that he left Kobe yesterday by the steamer Eastern.

Mr. Seddon left Melbourne yesterday for Adelaide by the French mail steamer Nera, the vessel in which he came from Sydney to Melbourne. Mr. Seddon returns to Melbourne on Thursday next, and will probably remain there a week. Already he has made many engagements for his return visit.

Messrs. Charles O'Connor Murray, B.A., LL.B., and a son of his Honor Judge Murray, Oswald Carey Slade, B.A., LL.B., and David Wilson, M.A., LL.D., were yesterday admitted to the Bar of New South Wales. The gentlemen named passed through the Sydney University.

Captain Brand, staff officer of the 2nd Light Horse Brigade, has left for Singleton, to represent the State Commandant (Brigadier-General Gordon, C.B.), at the Northern Rifle Association's annual prize meeting, which takes place to-day and to-morrow.

Mr. E. W. A. Kendall, secretary of the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, was yesterday presented by his fellow-officers in Sydney with a piece of silver plate, on the occasion of his transfer to the Melbourne office of the company. Mr. Kidd, the manager of the company, in making the presentation, said that it was the outcome of a unanimous resolution of the members of the staff to show their high respect and regard for Mr. Kendall. Mr. A. E. Bond, at present secretary to the manager in Sydney, will assume the duties of the secretary in Sydney in place of Mr. Kendall, Mr. A. S. Mayne succeeding to Mr. Bond's position.

News has been received by the Victorian Alliance of the death of Mrs. E. Tennyson Smith, on March 27, at Staunton (U.S.A.). She was the wife of Mr. E. Tennyson Smith, the well-known temperance advocate.

After 50 years' service in one church, the Rev. Canon Goodman, of Geelong (Vic.) has signified his intention of resigning.

The memory of the late Father Le Rennetel, who died nearly three years ago, is to be perpetuated by the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, Church Hill, and other admirers of his life's work. A handsome monument has arrived from Carrara, Italy, and arrangements have been made to have it unveiled in the Waverley Cemetery on Sunday, July 22, which will be the Sunday prior to the anniversary of his death.

Mr. J. F. Levien, M.L.A., of Victoria, died at half-past 9 o'clock last night in Melbourne. He was seized with hemorrhage on the brain last Tuesday week, and never recovered consciousness. For 35 years he was in active political life—nearly all that time as a member of the Victorian State Parliament. He was Minister for Mines in the Service-Berry Government from 1883 to 1886.

RECIPROCITY WITH NEW ZEALAND.

MR. SEDDON'S VIEWS.

THE FRENCH IN THE PACIFIC.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Before leaving for Adelaide Mr. Seddon expressed himself further upon a number of matters of general interest. It appears that he was misled by a statement which Sir William Lyne made to Sir Joseph Ward on the occasion of the latter's recent visit to Melbourne, this being, according to Mr. Seddon, to the effect that as New Zealand and Australia were competitors in the production of certain articles there was no chance of reciprocity being established. "Although," said Mr. Seddon, "I have not yet come to close quarters with Mr. Deakin, I have already ascertained that Sir William Lyne neither represented the views of his colleagues nor of the commercial classes of Australia. On the contrary, I find that Mr. Deakin is very anxious to come to terms. We have taken power under recent legislation to extend preference to Australia in return for equivalent concessions. The way was paved for my consultation with Mr. Deakin by Sir Joseph Ward, who had a preliminary conversation with the Australian Prime Minister on this and other subjects."

On the question of the New Hebrides Mr. Seddon holds a very decided opinion. "Mr. Deakin's views about a joint ownership have," he said, "been published. Mine may not be so widely known. It is a very difficult matter to deal with. Although I have not yet consulted officially with Mr. Deakin, I have ascertained that we are working on parallel lines. We agreed that the proposed joint French and English protectorate is inadvisable. We must try to get the islands entirely in British hands."

"How are you going to get rid of the French?" Mr. Seddon was asked.

"By giving them concessions elsewhere," was the reply. "I think," Mr. Seddon added, "that we can find these concessions in the Pacific, but I do not think it advisable to say more on this point at present."

Mr. Seddon then referred to the oft-repeated rumour that the French intend to establish another convict settlement in the Pacific. "I have always protested," he said, "against such action, and I am glad to say that my representations on the subject have been successful. In Sydney I called upon the French Consul-General, and he assured me that his Government had no such intention, and that a convict settlement would neither be established at Tahiti nor elsewhere in the Pacific.

"I have only talked with Mr. Deakin about the approaching Imperial Conference in the most casual way," stated Mr. Seddon, "but I am glad to learn that we shall be at liberty to discuss any fiscal proposals we like. It is, I think, probable that Mr. Deakin and myself may agree upon a joint line of action."

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' CONFERENCE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Licensed Victuallers' Conference resumed its sittings this morning. The finance committee's report was adopted, and the following resolutions carried:—"That this conference protests against any increased charges for the use of telephones, and supports the action of the Chambers of Commerce in protesting against the institution of the toll telephone system." "That this conference endorses the New South Wales association's action in forming a Liquor Trade Employees' Protection Association." "That the attention of the Commonwealth and State Governments be drawn to the fact that grave injustice may be inflicted upon hotel licensees under the provisions of the Commonwealth Commerce Act, taken in conjunction with the State Health Acts, under which an individual publican may be penalised, without the possibility of avoiding the same in the matter of the vexed question of patent and pot still whiskies." It was decided the next conference should be held in Perth in 1907. The conference adjourned till Monday.

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THE EDUCATION BILL.

NONCONFORMISTS THUNDERSTRUCK.

GOVERNMENT'S REASSURANCE.

LONDON, May 24.

Nonconformists are thunderstruck at the faux pas of Mr. Lough, Secretary of the Board of Education, in declaring in regard to religious teaching in schools it was necessary to employ skilled teachers, and that simple Bible reading and moral teaching were not sufficient. They declare that his belittling of Bible teaching has given away the case for the bill.

Last night Mr. W. Runciman, Secretary of the Local Government Board, was put up by the Government to reassure Nonconformists by eulogising the efficiency of the Cowper-Temple system.

Mr. J. Ramsay Macdonald (Labour) objected to simple Bible teaching in schools, because it was inadequate, he said, to secure genuine religious instruction.

Mr. A. J. Balfour said he considered that Mr. Maddison's amendment prohibiting the giving of religious instruction in school hours or at public expense cut the schools adrift from religion. He supported the amendment moved by Mr. Chamberlain excising from Mr. Maddison's amendment the words prohibiting religious instruction in school hours.

The debate was adjourned.

RUSSIA'S CONDITION.

IMPERIAL ESTATES SOLD.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

LONDON, May 24.

It is persistently reported in St. Petersburg that the Imperial family, fearing expropriation, sold vast Crown forests to German bankers for £10,000,000.

Many landowners are trying to sell. Private capital has been transferred in large amounts to foreign banks.

ROZHDESTVENSKY RESIGNS.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky, chief of the Naval General Staff of Russia, has resigned owing to the state of his health.

HINDRANCES TO AN AMNESTY.

It is semi-officially announced at St. Petersburg that a full amnesty to political prisoners is impossible while terrorists and bomb-throwers continue their crimes.

A CENTENARIAN'S CELEBRATION.

FELICITATIONS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON, May 24.

Members of his family entertained at a banquet Mr. Matthew Fowlds, of Kilmarnock, in celebration of the centenary of his birth. Four hundred guests were present, including Sir Joseph Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand, Mr. Robert M'Nab, Mr. J. G. W. Aitken, and Mr. George Fowlds, Ms.H.R. of New Zealand. The King, Mr. Seddon, friends at Auckland and Eden, and the Auckland Single Tax League telegraphed their congratulations. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Earl of Onslow, and Mr. W. P. Reeves, High Commissioner for New Zealand, sent apologies for not being present.

Mr. Matthew Fowlds, the guest of the day, in the course of a vigorous speech, acknowledged an oil painting of himself working at his weaver's loom.

Sir Joseph Ward, Messrs. M'Nab, Aitken, and G. Fowlds also spoke.

Sir Joseph Ward had a great reception in replying to the toast of "Britons across the Sea."

CONTROL OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

RIGHTS OF POLICY-HOLDERS.

LONDON, May 24.

The New York correspondent of the "Daily Mail" reports that, yielding to the advice of Mr. Grover Cleveland, Mr. Thomas Ryan, of the United States Equitable Life Assurance Society, has decided to give policy-holders the right to elect a majority of the directors.

SENATORS DENY BRIBERY.

LONDON, May 23.

The senators of New York State indignantly repel the statement of Congressman Joseph A. Goulden that a senatorship of New York is worth anything between £10,000 and £20,000 a year, and that the money emanated largely from insurance companies.

These senators declare that they only receive a salary of £300 a year with a railway pass.

NEW ITALIAN MINISTRY.

LONDON, May 24.

Baron Sonnino, Premier of Italy, has resigned owing to an adverse vote in the Chamber of Deputies affecting the order of business proposed by the Government. Signor Giolitti, who preceded the Fortis Ministry, has been commissioned to form a Cabinet.

GERMANY CLAIMS MORENGA.

CRIMINAL OR POLITICAL OFFENDER?

LONDON, May 24.

Germany claims the extradition of the Hottentot chief Morenga, who was captured by the Cape police after his flight into Bechuanaland, on the ground that he is a common criminal. The Cape Government considers that Morenga is a political prisoner, and promises to intern him safely.

THE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM.

LONDON, May 24.

Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, the Prime Minister, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that he did not intend to create a separate department under a Minister of Labour to solve the problem of the unemployed.

CANADIAN PREFERENCE.

LONDON, May 24.

Mr. W. S. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, announced in the Dominion House of Commons yesterday that the preference granted to Great Britain would be continued until due notice of its discontinuance was given.

THE CRICKET DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, May 23.

The "Sportsman" says the feeling is growing in England that the colonials ought to be left to pay the penalty of their bickerings by a postponement of a tour of an English cricket team.

SILVER.

LONDON, May 24.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 7 5-16d per ounce standard, a fall of 1-16d since yesterday.

GERMANY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN UNDERSTANDING.

STRENGTH OF TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

LONDON, May 24.

Herr von Tschirsky und Bogendorff, German Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the Reichstag yesterday, said that there were strong grounds for believing that German interests would not be affected even if Great Britain and Russia arrived at an understanding regarding their Asiatic relations.

"The Triple Alliance," he said, "stands as firm as ever. Italy has recently given explicit assurances to that effect.

"Great Britain's welcome to the Burgomasters is heartily reciprocated by the German Government and people."

The speech of the new Minister for Foreign Affairs has been made to reassure Germans, who were alarmed at the appearance of new constellations among the Powers of Europe, consequent upon the rumours that Great Britain and Russia were about to enter into an arrangement. Semi-official newspapers in Berlin credited the two Powers with being about to make an agreement for the safeguarding of the present Asiatic possessions of both countries, and to regulate the position of both nations in Persia. The "Times" states, however, that the agreement has not yet taken concrete shape.

POSTAL CONGRESS.

NO MEETING IN AUSTRALIA.

AMERICA PROPOSES MELBOURNE.

LONDON, May 24.

The last plenary meeting of the International Postal Congress amended and adopted the proposal of Mr. Austin Chapman, delegate from Australia, prohibiting chain letters.

It was decided that the next Congress should meet at Madrid. The final choice of the meeting place lay between Spain and Australia. The American delegate proposed Melbourne as the meeting place, claiming that Australia was a young country which had made vast progress.

Mr. Austin Chapman, in a speech which was greatly applauded, thanked America for its action, and expressed the pleasure it would give the Australian people and Government to greet delegates to the next Postal Congress. He admitted that the distance of Australia was a drawback, but he hoped that by the next Congress the time of the voyage would be reduced by one-third.

The British delegate supported the invitation "made by Great Britain's greatest colony."

Japan and Canada also supported the proposal.

The French delegate, while thanking Australia for her invitation, stated that the majority of delegates favoured a meeting in a European capital.

Melbourne received 11 votes and Madrid 43.

NATAL REBELLION.

SUCCESSFUL MOUNTAIN MARCH.

LONDON, May 24.

Colonel Mackenzie's force, ascending M'Ala Mountain, in Zululand, by means of precipitous kaffir paths, winding over hills and through dongas, destroyed the kraals of Mangodi, the chief lieutenant of Bambaata. Many horses, losing their foothold, rolled down the steep slopes and were killed.

RAIDS ON LOYALIST NATIVES.

LONDON, May 23.

The Mehla Zulus and other rebels have concentrated at Slazabazi Hill, 12 miles from Isandhlwana, where they are raiding the loyalists in the Sibindi Valley.

CARGO OF JUTE BURNT.

LONDON, May 23.

The steamer City of York was badly damaged by a fire at Tilbury Docks. Her cargo, consisting of 10,000 tons of jute, was destroyed.

The City of York is of 7000 tons, and is the largest of the City Line of steamers, which were built mainly for cargo-carrying. They trade between Liverpool and Calcutta.

LOADLINE ON FOREIGN SHIPS.

LONDON, May 23.

The Government has determined to omit from the Shipping Bill the amendment adopted by the Parliament's Grand Committee on Trade, imposing the British loadline on foreign ships laden abroad with goods for the United Kingdom.

Representatives of foreign Powers had already approached the Government on the subject.

MR. AUSTIN CHAPMAN.

LONDON, May 24.

Mr. Austin Chapman, the delegate to the Postal Congress, will sail for Australia on June 1.

CLOSE OF THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, May 23.

The wool sales closed to-day with the demand slightly irregular, but generally the top prices of the series were realised.

May 24.

At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were realised for the clips mentioned:—Skene, 14½d; Meryula, 13½d; Tarcoola, 10½d; Motunan, 15½d; Rakio, 13½d; Puketoi, 12½d; Trevana, 13½d; Okerae, 13½d.

During the series now closed there was sold to home buyers 90,000 bales, to the Continent 57,000, to America 9000, and there were held over 9000. The departure of the chief English buyers and diminished American competition caused an irregularity this week.

Compared with March prices best greasy merinos were practically unchanged. Medium and inferiors were 5 per cent. higher till Monday, and at the close were from par to 5 per cent. higher. Scoureds were in strong request at an advance of 5 per cent. Medium crossbreds suitable for America sometimes declined a halfpenny, but fine crossbreds were unchanged. Topmakers' sorts were firm at opening rates, but they lost the extreme prices of the middle series. Lambs were unchanged.

The outlook is promising. There is small prospect of any alleviation in the tightness of the market till the new clip arrives. Supplies for the current year are likely to be altogether inadequate at the present rate of consumption.

GREAT COBAR COMPANY.

LONDON, May 24.

A company to purchase the Great Cobar Copper Mine is being formed with a capital of £750,000 in shares and £750,000 in debentures, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. The company is issuing £650,000 worth of shares and £550,000 worth of debentures. The purchase price is £1,000,000.

DEATH OF HENRIK IBSEN

A NOTABLE DRAMATIST.

LONDON, May 24.

The death is announced of Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian poet and dramatist, aged 78 years. Death was due to apoplexy.

Henrik Ibsen closes one of his best comedies with the words, "The fact is that the strongest man upon earth is he who stands most alone." This epigrammatic speech of the so-called "Enemy of the People" might be applied to the great dramatist whose death is now newsed abroad. All successful dramatic authors of the present day write to please. Ibsen, on the other hand, chose to stand alone. He kept his own ideas of art and his own social views steadily before him, without regard to personal popularity or financial gain. This course secured him almost a monopoly of abuse in England, where "A Doll's House" (1889) and the pieces that followed it were described not only as indecent, but as amateurish in stagecraft. A very different verdict was pronounced in Paris, where M.M. Sarcey and Lemaitre, in reviewing Mme. Rejane's Nora, united in summing up "Une Maison de Poupee" as "essentially French in the neatness of its construction." This view was also adopted in Germany, the only country where Ibsen's dramas have taken root, and become part and parcel of the classic repertory of the national theatre. In the meantime, whilst discussion raged, Ibsen continued to write a new play every two years on his own deliberately chosen lines. None of these pieces have been financially successful in England, where people prefer the light and vivacious to the serious and analytical, but they are not now regarded with the acute prejudice which at first assailed them. Of the historical series, little is known by playgoers. Miss Ellen Terry, a comedy actress, appeared in the heavy tragedy, "The Vikings," during 1904, and Miss Nance O'Neil once produced "Lady Inger of Ostraat," in Melbourne. The social comedies, starting with Mr. W. H. Vernon, in "Pillars of Society," and Miss Janet Achurch, in "A Doll's House," are much more familiar, and at one time or another they have one and all been staged in London and New York, and some of them in Australia, but in every case without success. Quite recently Miss O'Neil played "Hedda Gabler" in Sydney, and in November last Mr. Beerbohm Tree was appearing at matinees as Dr. Stockman ("An Enemy of the People"). This comedy, and "The Pillars," are amongst seven or eight which are suited to the exigencies of "the maiden of blushing fifteen," but the ones more often chosen for the English stage are those of the "sex-problem" order. Possibly for this reason, the average playgoer is unaware that Henrik Ibsen is first and foremost a poet. English readers know fairly well the rough translation of the imaginative and fantastic poem-drama "Peer Gynt." But Norway's Poet Laureate is being mourned by countless thousands just now in virtue of his beautiful rhymed ballad "Terje Vigen," which is practically unknown outside his own country. This is the dramatic and exciting story of a noble revenge, and is one of those "popular classics" which are recited at school breakings-up and the like. It is, therefore, as the Poet of the Young that Ibsen is loved in his own country, a character the very opposite to that which he apparently assumes elsewhere.

Henrik Ibsen was born in March, 1828, at Skien, Norway, and after leaving school spent five years as apprentice to an apothecary at Grimstad, where his first poems, and the drama "Cataline" were written. In 1850 he entered the University of Christiania as a medical student, and whilst suffering great privations, produced plays and verses which secured him the appointment of theatre-poet at the Bergen Theatre, where, during a period of five years, he stage-managed all the regular pieces (Shakespeare, Schiller, Scribe), of the repertoire. He also studied the art of stage-production at Copenhagen and Dresden, and produced his great historical tragedy, "Lady Inger of Ostraat." In 1858 he married a step-daughter of the well-known novelist Magdalene Thoresen. A year later, Ibsen was in close association with another young Norwegian destined to become equally famous with himself, for Bjornson, the future novelist, was elected president of the Norwegian Society (in support of native art), with Ibsen as vice-president. The first of Ibsen's social plays, "The Comedy of Love," made a great stir in 1863, about which time the theatre became bankrupt, and Ibsen was turned adrift. The dramatist then visited Berlin, Trieste, and Rome on a travelling allowance granted him by the State. From these sunny places the wanderer sent his five-act dramatic poem of life amidst the ice and snow, entitled "Brand." This was followed by the fantastic dramatic poem, "Peer Gynt," by which Grieg was inspired to the production of many beautiful orchestral movements. In 1869 the first genuine comedy of modern life which Norwegian literature ever produced saw the light, under the title of "The League of Youth," the political allusions in which led to a riot in the Christiania Theatre. By this time Ibsen, then resident at Dresden, had begun to acquire a European reputation. In 1874 he returned to Scandinavia as a conqueror. Mention must be made of the historical drama "Emperor and Galilean," a link with the modern pieces, many of which have been performed throughout the civilised world. This list includes "Pillars of Society," "A Doll's House," "Ghosts," "An Enemy of the People," "The Wild Duck," "Rosmersholm," "The Lady from the Sea," "Hedda Gabler," "The Master Builder," "Little Eyolf," "John Gabriel Borkman," and "When We Dead Awaken." Ibsen, who for some years has been living quietly in Christiania, has not published anything during the past two years, and latterly his health has been precarious. He leaves one son, Sigurd, formerly in the Norwegian Diplomatic Service at Washington, now a Minister of State at Christiania, who is married to a daughter of the great novelist, Bjornson.

GREAT SHIPBUILDING COMBINATION.

LONDON, May 23.

A combination, including the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, John Brown and Co., Ltd., and Cammel, Laird, and Company, Limited, has purchased a large site at Glasgow whereon to erect ordnance works and construct a dock which shall accommodate the largest battleships.

EXPORT OF FRUIT.

LONDON, May 24.

The Australian apples shipped by the Geelong and the Afric arrived in excellent condition. There is a strong market. Prices realised were from 9s to 14s a case, a few brought 15s to 15s 6d. Pears were mostly in poor condition. Victorians sold at 8s to 19s a case, Tasmanian Vicars at 3s to 3s 6d a half-case, and Clairneau Nells 3s to 5s a tray.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

AMALGAMATION OF BUTTER COMPANIES.

LONDON, May 23.

Lovell and Christmas, Limited, London, a large butter-importing company, have arranged to amalgamate with Wall and Company, of Liverpool and Manchester. The capital of the combined company will be about £1,000,000.

JAN KUBELIK.

The 107 concerts given in America by Jan Kubelik, the famous violinist, realised £40,000.

JUVENILE SMOKING.

The Bill for the Prevention of Juvenile Smoking, which is based on the report of the Physical Deterioration Committee, and was introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Reay, has been read the second time and referred to a select committee. The object of the measure is to prevent the sale of tobacco to persons under 16 years of age.

ABYSSINIAN OUTLAW.

An Abyssinian chief has slain Mariam the outlaw, and released 40 prisoners whom he had carried off.

CHINESE ON THE RAND.

Twelve Chinese on the Rand have applied for repatriation.

The unhappy weather for the school children in Sydney and many country centres spoiled for them the full participation of the celebration of Empire Day, a day—the 24th May—that will long live in history the world wide. As this day is to Britishers an historic and popular one, so to all, especially Australasians, is Wolfe's Schnapps a famous popular spirit. It is the invigorator, the people's pure spirit, a family stimulant, unvarying in quality, good for many ailments as prescribed.—Advt.

SHIPPING DISASTER.

BARQUE VINCENNES STRANDED.

ON THE BEACH AT MANLY.

CAUGHT IN THE VIOLENT GALES.

AND DRIVEN ASHORE.

ALL HANDS SAFE.

A sensation was created in the city last night by the receipt of a brief message from Manly to the effect that a large foreign sailing vessel had been driven ashore at Manly, and was firing rockets and burning blue-lights as distress signals for assistance. The authorities were at once communicated with, and within the space of a few minutes the lifeboat was launched and taken in tow by the pilot steamer Captain Cook for the scene of the wrecked vessel.

In the meantime the news had spread throughout the village of Manly, and notwithstanding the wild character of the night many hundreds of people gathered along the ocean beach in the hope of being able to render assistance. Men were stationed in charge of the life-lines along the beach, and in the darkness an anxious lookout was kept for boats from the stranded vessel. At this time a violent gale was raging from the eastward, and rain was descending in torrents. A very heavy sea was running, and the fear was entertained by many that the barque would go to pieces.

About an hour after the vessel was driven ashore a boat containing three of the ship's company was noticed approaching the beach in the heavy surf, and was being very roughly handled in the heavy seaway. Great difficulty was experienced in finding a landing place, but eventually the men succeeded in safely reaching the shore, and were then in a very exhausted condition. It was then ascertained that the men were Frenchmen, and were unable to understand a word of English. One of the boat's crew had been injured on the way across, and reached the shore in a fainting condition. All the men were drenched, and residents of the marine suburb at once provided restoratives and changes of clothing. The unfortunate sailors soon recovered, and a resident with a knowledge of the French language having arrived on the scene the men were soon able to give information respecting themselves.

THE VESSEL IDENTIFIED.

It was then ascertained that the stranded vessel was the French barque Vincennes, 66 days out from Yokohama, Japan, in ballast, bound to Sydney, for orders. The men stated that the crew consisted of 23 all told, the master of the barque being Captain Levieillant. They had been sent ashore, they stated, to notify the people, whom they were able to see gathered along the ocean beach, that there was no immediate cause for anxiety, and that the crew had decided to remain by the vessel.

One of the men upon being subsequently interviewed by a "Herald" reporter, accounted for the accident by stating that the captain had taken the lights of the village of Manly to be those of Sydney. The Vincennes was making her first voyage here, and none of the crew knew the port. When abreast of Manly the master burnt blue lights as a signal for a pilot and a tug, and he was at a loss to understand why his signals were not responded to.

A violent easterly gale was blowing at the time, and when the master found that his vessel was helplessly drifting towards the shore he fired distress signals. The vessel, however, was carried by the winds and seas right on to the beach.

POSITION OF THE VESSEL.

The Vincennes is lying in the centre of the ocean beach, almost opposite Carlton-street, and a few yards northerly of the Clarendon Hotel. She is within a stone's throw of the Steyne Promenade, and at low water will be high and dry. The Vincennes is on an even keel, and is embedded in the sand, the depth of water at the spot being about 5ft.

As far as can be ascertained, the vessel was not noticed from the shore until she was in imminent peril. This was at about 9.30 last night, and she was then practically stranded. The Vincennes took the beach stern first, but subsequently swung round, and at an early hour this morning was broadside on.

RETURN OF THE PILOT STEAMER.

The pilot steamer Captain Cook cruised in the vicinity of the stranded vessel for some time, but the conditions were too dangerous to permit the steamer to proceed alongside. Upon finding that there was no immediate danger the Captain Cook signalled that she would return at high water at daylight this morning.

LATEST DETAILS.

ROCKET BRIGADE SUMMONED.

At about 2 o'clock this morning the rocket apparatus belonging to the Department of Navigation arrived on the scene, together with a detachment of men, to render aid in the event of the stranded vessel capsizing. The rocket apparatus was brought from Sydney by a steamer specially chartered for the purpose by the orders of Captain Edie, Superintendent of Navigation.

Early this morning, however, the Vincennes appeared to be snug, and was settling down in a bed she was making for herself in the sand. There did not seem to be any prospect of the apparatus being required, nevertheless it was deemed advisable to stand by at any rate until daylight.

At dead low water early this morning one could almost walk to the vessel from the ocean promenade, and the shouting of the ship's crew was distinctly audible on shore. As a matter of fact, there was less than four feet of water at the deepest part between the shore and the Vincennes, but a very strong eddy was running.

RESIDENTS TO THE RESCUE.

Prominent among the large band of willing helpers who congregated on the foreshores were Mrs. Parker, who resides on the Steyne, and who provided the exhausted shipwrecked mariners with stimulants; Mr. George Wilson, who acted as interpreter, and thus assisted the police to a very great extent; Mr. J. Allerton, who secured changes of clothing for the unfortunate men; and Mr. J. Carton.

Comfortable quarters were offered to the sailors ashore, but they declined to stay, remarking that they preferred to remain on board the Vincennes with their comrades. At about 1 o'clock this morning they launched their boat, and were accompanied on the trip by four residents of Manly—Messrs. J. Carton, H. Brown, G. Wilson, and J. Ellison. The wind and seas had by this time moderated considerably, and the stranded vessel was reached with comparative ease.

ACTION BY THE POLICE.

The Manly police, under Senior-sergeant Miller, upon receiving news of the disaster, acted with great promptitude, and communicated with all the authorities. The statement of the three members of the crew was taken by Senior-sergeant Miller under a gas lamp outside the residence of Dr. Cortis, Mr. George Wilson acting as interpreter. They gave their names as Murel, Guioux, and Rognenus. The police offered to accommodate the men at the station, but they again declined to remain ashore.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

At an early hour this morning a steamer arrived on the scene with salvage appliances, and at high water an attempt will probably be made to refloat the barque. It is hoped that with moderating weather conditions no great difficulty will be experienced in getting the vessel off. It must, however, be borne in mind that the ship Hereward, under precisely similar conditions, became a total loss at Maroubra Beach.

PLAYING THE MARSEILLAISE.

The remarkable spectacle of a brass band, in the height of a violent storm, playing a variety of airs on an open beach for the entertainment of men on a stranded vessel, was witnessed at about 12.30 this morning by a large gathering assembled on the Steyne promenade. It appears that the members of the Town Band, on their way home from a local concert, heard of the shipping disaster, and at once proceeded to the scene. When they learned that the vessel was in no immediate danger, and was so close in to the beach that conversation could be carried on between the vessel and the shore, it occurred to the bandmaster that it might cheer the ship-wrecked mariners if they heard some of their national airs. An acetylene lamp was secured, and under the shelter of umbrellas held by willing hands, the members of the band played "The Marseillaise." The performance was lustily cheered from the Vincennes, and was encored three or four times. Subsequently, for the benefit of a couple of Englishmen among the crew, the band played "Home, Sweet Home" and "Auld Lang Syne."

DESCRIPTION OF THE VINCENNES.

The stranded barque is a fine type of vessel, and is built of steel. She is a sister ship of the Versailles, which called off Sydney Heads last week, from San Francisco, for orders, and was instructed to proceed to Newcastle, in which port she is now waiting for coal. The Vincennes was built at Nantes in the year 1900, and she is of 2311 tons gross, and of 1740 tons net. Her length is 277ft 7in, with a beam of 40ft 3in, and a depth of 22ft 8in. The Vincennes is owned by the Societe Anonyme des Longs Courriers Francais, of Nantes, at which port she is registered.

EMPIRE DAY.

LOYAL MESSAGE TO THE KING.

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE STATE.

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FESTIVALS.

SOME IMPOSING CEREMONIALS.

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIAN WOMEN.

LONDON, May 24.

Janet Lady Clarke has conveyed to the Earl of Meath the greetings of the Australian Women's National League on Empire Day.

The "Standard" publishes cables from many leading colonial statesmen approving of the celebration of Empire Day.

THE CELEBRATIONS IN SYDNEY.

Yesterday the chain of celebration in connection with Empire Day encircled the globe. From the heart of the nation itself to the farthest outpost in the King's dominions arrangements had been made, even if only for the chiming of bells or the hoisting of a flag, in public recognition of the day which seems destined to stand for some of the most cherished ideals of the race. In thousands of schools speeches were delivered, by which it was sought to bend the minds of the pupils upon a true imperialism, to help them to realise what the Earl of Meath, the promoter of Empire Day, meant when he spoke of the "inner spiritual meaning" which all the outward demonstrations covered. That inner meaning, he admits, is difficult to express in a few words, but he has said:—"It may be partially translated as the subordination of selfish or class interests to those of the State and of the community, and the inculcation on the minds of all British subjects of the honourable obligation which rests upon them of preparing themselves, each in his or her own sphere, for the due fulfilment of the duties and responsibilities attached to the high privilege of being subjects of the mightiest Empire the world has ever known."

It is a unique conception, this of attempting to turn the people of a mighty but scattered Empire simultaneously in the direction of a single, lofty ideal—an ideal which in no wise recognises national rivalry nor fosters racial antagonism. In no other nation has ever an attempt been made to put such an idea into practice, not even in those whose territories have been compact, and whose peoples have been largely actuated by community of interests. It remained for a Briton, whose nation is more widely spread than any in history, whose fellow-subjects embrace all colours, creeds, and interests, to attempt to bind his Empire together with this impalpable chain. And if the results that have so far attended his efforts may be accepted as a criterion, there is every reason to believe that the scheme, so daring in its magnitude, will be magnificent in its success.

Unfortunately an unkind fate apportioned the weather for the celebrations so far as Sydney was concerned. It was dull and beclouded overhead, and sloppy under foot, and the atmosphere for the most part of the day was laden with an uncomfortable and depressing sleety drizzle. As a consequence that bright holiday aspect the city should have borne, liberally decked as it was with bunting and other aids to spectacular effect, was to a certain extent absent. Nothing is more dismal than a wet flag flapping helplessly against a pole on an occasion of festivity, for instead of being a bright symbol of cheerfulness it becomes then little more than a pathetic incongruity. And there were many wet flags flopping against poles in the city yesterday in between the whiles that gusts of a cold sea wind caught up the dejected bunting and forced it to a feeble flutter. All the outdoor functions were robbed of their anticipated effects, the dominating note at most being the black supplied by a mass of hoisted umbrellas, and in not a few instances the uninspiriting weather was reflected in the proceedings, to the end that it became hard to maintain the cheery note the day demanded.

But notwithstanding all the disabilities that a wet, depressing day necessarily meant, the programme in connection with the celebrations was, on the whole, gone through in an admirable spirit, and as a result, especially in the case of the ceremonies carried out at the various schools in the city and suburbs, the proceedings were eminently successful. A noticeable feature of the day's celebrations was the marked increase of enthusiasm evinced by those taking part as compared with last year. Of course the 1905 celebrations were the first of their kind held here, and the people had not at that time quite gripped the spirit of the movement. Now "Empire Day" is for the most part well understood, and as a result the proceedings were entered into with a whole-hearted zest that could hardly have been expected on the previous occasion. Again, the initial celebrations having been successfully undertaken, there was a big ground for the authorities to work on in preparing for the second year, and in consequence the arrangements for yesterday were, while more elaborate, so complete in detail as to permit of the programme being gone through with admirable smoothness. The experience of yesterday would suggest that "Empire Day," now only two years old as far as this State is concerned, is destined to become one of our most important and striking public ceremonials.

CABLEGRAM TO THE KING

The following is a copy of a cablegram from the British Empire League of Australia to his Majesty the King:—

"Respectful, loyal greetings to your Majesty. Sturdy allegiance."

The message was despatched from Sydney in time to reach his Majesty early on the morning of Empire Day.

AUSTRALIA'S MESSAGE TO THE KING.

His Excellency the Governor-General yesterday despatched the following message to his Majesty the King:—

"Australia hails with pleasure the recurrence of Empire Day, which she respectfully assures your Majesty is being celebrated loyally throughout the Commonwealth. (Signed) NORTHCOTE."

THE EARL OF MEATH'S MESSAGE.

The State Premier, Mr. J. H. Carruthers, yesterday received a cable from the Earl of Meath, the originator of the Empire Day movement. The message consisted of the single word:—

"REJOICE!"

PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Prime Minister received to-day the following cablegram from Lord Meath, originator of Empire Day:—

"Sister nations rejoice."

Mr. Deakin replied: "I heartily respond to your congratulations, and share your sentiments."

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE.

PATRIOTIC SPEECHES.

SALUTING THE FLAG.

The directors of the Royal Exchange took a prominent part in the general rejoicings yesterday. The large room of the institution was packed with influential citizens and distinguished visitors. One of the chief objects achieved by the enthusiastic gathering was to show the great part commerce has played in Empire building. In addition to several speeches, an excellent choir was provided by the Liedertafel (under the conductorship of Mr. A. Orchard, and accompanied on the piano by Mr. J. E. Sykes), and by St. Andrew's Cathedral choristers, with the Rev. P. J. Simpson, Precentor, leading, and Mr. E. J. Massey accompanist. The selections rendered were Kipling's hymn "Lest We Forget," "Hearts of Oak," "The Empire's Flag," and "When the Empire Calls." The building was decorated artistically both inside and outside, and on the western wall over the platform where the Union Jack was prominently displayed, were the mottoes, "Hands all Round," "God Save the King," "God Bless our Motherland." On the platform were Mr. G. J. Cohen (chairman, Royal Exchange), who presided, and was supported on his right by Vice-Admiral Sir Wilmot Fawkes and Rear-Admiral Shimamura, K. Iwasaki (Consul-General for Japan), Sir John See, Mr. J. S. Larke (Commissioner for Canada), Mr. Nesbitt (town clerk), and, on his left, Mr. Moore (Minister for Mines and Agriculture), the Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor), Mr. G. Merivale (acting president, Sydney Chamber of Commerce), Commander Nakajima, the Railway Commissioners, Inspector Garvin. Among other gentlemen present were Messrs. Rollo A. Cape, A. G. Milson, M. Gotthelf, E. Trelawny, G. Wall, A. F. Robinson, D. Reid (Orient Company), R. T. Remington, Colonel Burns, Captain J. S. Brunton, Captain Green (E. and A. Company), J. Barre Johnston, W. M. Orr, H. C. Mitchell (secretary, Chamber of Commerce). Mr. C. H. Hayes, secretary of the Royal Exchange, received numerous congratulations for the successful result of his organisation.

The chairman reminded the visitors that they had assembled to show their loyalty to his Most Gravious Majesty the King and their attachment to the great Empire to which they belonged. (Cheers.) In a country like this it was only right that they should show appreciation of the privileges they enjoyed, and to teach the rising generation the benefits they had by being protected by their great Empire. Those who had not been out of this country did not know what was possible in many countries of Europe, and what people had to suffer from being controlled in their actions by Governments. Here there was nothing to hamper them in what they said and did. Therefore it was only right that they should do their best on that great and glorious day to express their happiness in being part of the British Empire. The directors of the Royal Exchange were glad to see so many present, and on such an occasion they should first sing the National Anthem.

After the anthem was sung, Mr. G. M. Merivale, acting president of the Chamber of Commerce, delivered an address on the subject of "Commerce and Empire." He said they all knew that the Empire loomed very largely in the world in a commercial sense. Australia was increasing in prosperity year by year, and they should be proud to belong to the Empire. Encouraged by late events, the Sydney Chamber of Commerce had ventured to ask its president, who was attending the meeting of the British Chambers of Commerce, to invite the Chambers of Commerce of the British dominions to hold their next session in Sydney. (Cheers.) They had already met in Canada, and it was hoped that they would be given a proper welcome here, and shown what Australia could do. He claimed that commerce was the greatest empire-builder. They had instances of that in the East India Company and Mr. Cecil Rhodes, whose views of empire were entirely of a commercial character, and he wished to add a great continent to the British Empire by commerce. The disastrous war in South Africa unfortunately delayed his scheme, and it was not due to his work. Mr. Rhodes worked on peaceful lines, and wanted to accomplish his work without bloodshed. He would like to thank their gallant friend the Japanese Admiral for attending. (Cheers.) The trade between Australia and Japan was increasing rapidly year by year.

Mr. Moore, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, representing the State Government, said he cordially joined in the patriotic demonstration. There were some persons among them who, though loyal enough themselves, said there was no need for these demonstrations, which to them looked too much like ostentatious parading of their loyalty. He thought it was a happy inspiration that led to the institution of Empire Day. (Cheers.) That day above all other days had such happy associations with the people of all parts of the British Empire, for it was the birthday of their late beloved Queen. It was well for them to set apart a day like that upon which they might contemplate the great privileges they enjoyed as members of the British Empire, and also to remember their duties and responsibilities as members of the Empire. Whilst he sincerely believed that the people of Australia were loyal to the core, yet he was afraid that they did not sufficiently appreciate the privileges they enjoyed, and properly realise their responsibilities. A man who had never been in the grip of the drought could not be sufficiently thankful for the rains which fell from heaven. A man who had never had a very serious illness did not properly appreciate the blessings of good health. He was afraid they were too apt to take these things as a matter of course. They should reflect that for over 100 years they had lived in peace in Australia, while great upheavals had taken place in the world. Why? There was only one reason. They lived in peace and pursued their path of progress because of the strong right arm of Britain. (Loud cheers.) It was well to remember what their duties were, and what they owed to their great Empire. What was it that they should build up in Australia?—a nation that would be worthy of the race to which they belonged. (Applause.) They had people here from other nations. They welcomed them here; many of them made good citizens, and Australians did not expect those people to forget their native land. Whilst they did not expect these people to think any the less of their native land, they did expect them, whilst enjoying all the rights and privileges of citizenship, to be loyal with those they lived with. (Applause.)

Rear-Admiral Shimamura, who was loudly cheered, said it was a great fortune and honour that his squadron happened to be in their beautiful harbour on the occasion of the celebrations of this great day of theirs. It was quite beyond his power to make a speech on such an occasion, but he must say that although the Japanese navy was still very young, their honest desire, with the alliance with the British navy, the strongest in the world, was to maintain the peace of the world for many years to come. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. J. S. Larke, Commissioner for Canada, said he had just been addressing the future merchants, leaders of light and learning, of Australia. It was the highest honour that a man could wish for, to be permitted to do that in this great city of the Empire. If he had the ability that the occasion needed his happiness would be equal to the honour. They were honoured with the presence of men distinguished for their achievements and for the services to the countries they represented. (Cheers.) The rise of Japan was the miracle of modern times. Fifty years ago her weapons were bows and arrows. In 50 years the Japanese were the masters of modern artillery. She had fought a great naval power, and annihilated a modern armada. Years ago she closed her ports to the commerce of Europe, and to-day she opened a great territory to the world. Those achievements were the result of patriotism, where everyone was for the State and none for self. (Cheers.) From the Mikado to the peasant everyone devoted himself to the welfare and glory of the Empire. After references to the development of the Empire, Mr. Larke said there was no nation that was offended at gatherings of this kind, which were intended to stir up their patriotism. Men could not be loyal to the Empire without being loyal to Australia. He was a Canadian representing the Canadian Government, and there was no better Australian in the audience than himself. (Applause.) The conditions which made for the future advancement and glory of this country were allegiance to the Empire that made them in the past and could keep them in the future. The wealth of the Empire was not in its ships and territories, but in the men who represented it. The men who made the Empire were heroes. They had had fools in high places, and he supposed they would have them again. (Loud laughter.) Five years ago, during the Boer war, the Empire was in great danger. How all had changed. Mr. Larke mentioned the King's influence for maintaining peace, and the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the friendliness of France, the visit of the German burgomasters to England, the forthcoming visit of a British fleet to Kronstadt. Canada took one-third of the British emigrants; let Australia take the other thirds if it could; but it was a sorry feast that had to be prepared after the guests arrived, and they should first prepare for them. If they did their duty to Australia they would make it a star in the firmament of nations. If they did their duty England would do hers, and what God hath joined together no power on earth could separate. (Prolonged cheers.)

Vice-Admiral Fawkes, who was cordially received, said it was well that they should keep their rejoicings for the Empire on the day that they celebrated Queen Victoria's birthday for over 60 years, and they should give thankfulness to Almighty God for having kept them.

The Lord Mayor said the Royal Exchange by their celebrations had shown their strong desire for the maintenance of the Empire which would mean a great deal to the future of this country. The speech of Mr. Larke was one of the most magnificent orations he had had the honour to listen to.

SALUTING THE FLAG.

The members of the assemblage then proceeded to the front of the Exchange, where a large crowd was waiting. Standing on the steps at the main entrance were the two Admirals of the British and Japanese navies, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, representing Australia, and Mr. J. S. Larke, Canada. Though rain was falling, a great deal of enthusiasm was shown, and the demand from people on the borders of the throng that the umbrellas which were used by nearly everyone should be lowered was promptly responded to, and the ladies who were present smilingly complied with the request, though they were thus unsheltered from the shower. The crowd was in high glee, and the appearance of Vice-Admiral Fawkes was the signal for cheers, and as Rear-Admiral Shimamura came forward immediately afterwards there was another outburst of cheers. Vice-Admiral Fawkes broke the flag, which was saluted by the assemblage. There was much cheering, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, in which the members of the Liedertafel joined. Cheers followed for the King, the Governor, Vice-Admiral Fawkes, and the Navy, the Japanese, who were referred to as "our noble allies," and the Lord Mayor.

AT THE SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.

A PATRIOTIC GATHERING.

ADMIRAL SHIMAMURA WELCOMED.

The members of the Sydney Stock Exchange were amongst the foremost yesterday in celebrating and doing honour to the flag and the Empire. The vestibule, otherwise the call room, presented a pleasing sight, being suitably adorned with flags and choice varieties of flowers and shrubs. Rear-Admiral Shimamura, accompanied by several officers of his staff, including Lieutenant-Commander S. Nakajima, paid a visit shortly before noon, and was heartily received by the several members of the Exchange. Mr. Iwasaki, Acting Consul-General for Japan, was also among the Japanese retinue.

The toast of "The King," coupled with that of the "Emperor of Japan," was drunk with much enthusiasm. The chairman, Mr. Ernest L. Davis, in proposing the health of Admiral Shimamura and his officers, made short reference to the wonderful adaptability and sagacity of the Japanese nation, as shown in the late war—qualities which had resulted in achievements most probably unparalleled in the history of the world. The fight against Russia by the Japanese proved them, not only to be masters of military and naval science, but showed them also to be possessed of the highest form of humanity and self-sacrifice. And their making peace was as great an honour to them as their courage and capacity in making war. He trusted that their alliance with Great Britain would be for the benefit of humanity generally, and for the peace and progress of the world.

Admiral Shimamura, in responding, said he noticed that the methods of business carried out by the members of the Stock Exchange were short, sharp, and decisive. They had to be alert and quick in determining their movements, and such a form—"sharp and short"—would his speech take. The success of Japan's sailors had depended, like business at the Stock Exchange, upon instant and decisive action. He hoped that the alliance with Great Britain would, as had been expressed by the chairman, be of great service in maintaining the world's peace, and assisting its progress.

The toast of "Empire Day," submitted by Mr. Felix Randle, was then honoured.

Admiral Shimamura, again rising amid deafening cheers, asked those present to drink with him to the "prosperity and progress of the Sydney Stock Exchange." The call was enthusiastically complied with.

SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a good congregation at St. Andrew's Cathedral for the Empire Day service. Amongst those who participated in it were the Governor-General (Lord Nothcote) and Lady Northcote, the State Governor (Sir Harry Rawson) and Miss Rawson, the Admiral, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor), and the town clerk (Mr. T. H. Nesbitt), General Finn, Sir F. B. Suttor (President of the Legislative Council), Mr. J. H. Carruthers (the State Premier), and Mr. J. Ashton (Minister for Lands). Members of the Cathedral chapter present were Messrs. E. R. Deas Thomson, W. R. Beaver, F. W. Uther, J. Barre Johnston, and A. F. Robinson. The Union Jack and the Australian flags were displayed over the chancel and sanctuary. The precentor (the Rev. P. J. Simpson) conducted the service, and there was a full choir. Canon Sharp read the lesson, and the Vicar-General (Archdeacon Gunther) delivered an address.

The Vicar-General, in the course of his sermon, referred to the permanency of God's kingdom and prayed that God would give the country men who would take the lead in following God. Great nations of the past, whose power had not come from the Divine source, had crumbled to dust. Assyria, Greece, Egypt, and others had passed away because they had not been founded on the great truths. Those who would estimate a nation's prosperity by the extent of her commerce should remember the histories of Tyre and Greece. To-day the most prosperous nations were those whose greatness was founded on Christian principles. Referring to matters which retarded national progress and the growth of good citizenship, he pointed out that the perjury noted in the Divorce Courts was one potent element of danger. He also counselled his hearers to avoid selfish luxury, and to encourage self-sacrifice, solidarity, patriotism, and obedience to God's will. He pointed out that it was the anniversary of the Ascension of Christ, and concluded an earnest address, with an appeal for the encouragement of obedience to God's laws. The only hymns were "The Recessional" and the "National Anthem."

MILITARY FORCES.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.

TO FIRST INFANTRY REGIMENT.

SPEECH BY LORD NORTHCOTE.

The ceremony connected with the presentation of colours to the 1st Australian Infantry Regiment at Victoria Barracks yesterday afternoon was marred by heavy rain. It had been intended that the function should take place on the barrack square, but owing to the bad weather the ceremony was held in the drill hall. The building was much too small to accommodate the regiment and the large gathering; consequently a portion of the procedure had to be omitted, and owing to the crowded state of the room the function lost most of its impressiveness. In the circumstances, however, the event passed off very well.

The colours—the King's and regimental—were given by the women's branch of the British Empire League in Australia, and the presentation was made on its behalf by Lady Northcote. The colours were made by Messrs. Farmer and Co., Ltd., and the materials used were entirely of British production. The flags were made from British silk, sewn by ladies born in New South Wales. The poles were oak, and were fashioned and polished by Australian workmen. The Tudor crown forming the cap of the pole was carved by an Australian artificer. The brass shoes at the foot of the poles were cast in Sydney, while the white buskin straps were worked by young Australians.

The regiment is the senior unit of the Commonwealth forces, and therefore a few facts concerning it will be interesting. Its history is almost a complete record of the efforts made in this State towards creating a defence force. The regiment, when formed in 1854, was purely volunteer. The enrolment of members took place under exciting circumstances. It was during the Crimean War, and though in those days news was much belated, great excitement prevailed, and wagers were made on what the information would be. At various times many eminent men have been connected with the corps. The late Judge Windeyer held the rank of Major, but retired in 1870. Sir James Fairfax held a captaincy. Another officer was Captain Cooper, brother of the late Sir Daniel Cooper. On May 18, 1861, Lady Young presented the battalion with colours. The partially-paid system was introduced in 1878. In the Soudan Contingent the regiment was represented by one lieutenant, two sergeants, three corporals, one bugle-major, three buglers, and 66 privates. The company was also well to the front in the South African War.

The regiment was commanded yesterday by Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, D.S.O. Among those present were their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote, the State Governor (Sir Harry Rawson) and Miss Rawson, Sir George le Hunte (Governor of South Australia), Vice-Admiral and Lady Fawkes, Major-General Finn (Inspector-General of the Military Forces), Brigadier-General Gordon, C.B., the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Sir William Lyne, Admiral Shimamura (of the Japanese fleet), and about 500 officers, cadets, and men from the Japanese warships.

The regiment was formed up in the hall to receive Lord and Lady Northcote, and on their arrival the Royal salute was given. Their Excellencies were then conducted to a platform. The colours were brought from the rear of the line and placed against a pile of drums near the platform. The colours were then uncased, and afterwards consecrated by the senior chaplain, Rev. Wallace Mort, V.D. The Governor-General and Lady Northcote then proceeded to the pile of drums. Major Watson, second in command of the regiment, then handed the King's colour to her Excellency, from whom the senior lieutenant (Lieutenant Woodhill) received it. The regimental colour was in a like manner handed by the next senior officer, Major Croker, and received back by the second senior lieutenant (Lieutenant Diamond). The colours were unfurled and turned towards the centre of the line, the regiment saluting.

Lord Northcote then addressed the officers and men. He expressed his pleasure at being present to take part in the ceremony. He was sure he was voicing the opinions of the regiment when he returned most cordial thanks to the ladies who presented the colours to them. He was confident that the officers and men of the regiment would know how to cherish them in time of peace, and, if need be, to defend them in time of war. His earnest hope was that the dread alternative would never arise in their time. It was a good omen that Lady Northcote had been privileged to present the colours to the regiment on the day they were honouring the memory of the late beloved Sovereign, and also paying a tribute of respect to the reigning monarch, who had already earned for himself the noble title of "Edward the Peacemaker."

Cheers were then given for the King, Lord and Lady Northcote, and the women's branch of the British Empire League. The Royal salute terminated the ceremony.

DECORATIONS PRESENTED TO OFFICERS.

The Governor-General then presented the colonial auxiliary forces officers' decorations to Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. Vernon, Commanding Officer, and Major J. M. Purves, quartermaster, of the 1st Australian Light Horse.

The National Anthem was played as the Vice-Regal party left the hall. The Japanese National Anthem was given by the band when Admiral Shimamura took his departure.

The regiment was formed up on the square, and as the Japanese officers, cadets, and men marched by they were loudly cheered. The visitors greatly appreciated the honour, and every man joined in a hearty response.

LADIES ENTERTAINED BY OFFICERS.

Prior to the ceremony of presenting the colours the officers of the regiment entertained the members of the women's branch of the British Empire League at luncheon. Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes presided over a gathering of about 60 ladies and gentlemen. Among those present were his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, Miss Rawson, Major-General Mrs. and Miss Finn, Brigadier-General Gordon, C.B., Mrs. H. Dixson, and Canon Boyce. The regiment was represented by Major Watson, Lieutenant Sands, and Captain Rourke. Lunch was served in the marquee, and on the tables were the Governor's Cup, the Knight Challenge Trophy, and the Anderson Cup, which had been won by the regiment.

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes proposed the toast of the women's branch of the British Empire League, coupled with the name of Mrs. Dixson. The chairman said he wished to thank the league, on behalf of the regiment, for the noble gift they had made. It was not only an honour to the regiment, but to the whole of the forces in Australia, the regiment being the senior unit of the Commonwealth forces.

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS.

THE GOVERNOR AT FORT-STREET SCHOOL.

"How are you, Barnes-y," said a Fort-street schoolboy to one of the merry middies of the Matsushima, who attended the Empire Day function at Fort-street Superior Public School yesterday. "Barnes-y" was as near as the lad could get to "Banzai," and the round-faced cadet who was addressed, responded cheerfully, "All right, young 'un," in true naval style. The boys were delighted to yarn to the Japanese visitors, and each midshipman had his attendant sprites dwelling upon his words as he left the school.

Empire Day was a moist function at Fort-street. At first it was intended to bow to the elements, and have the celebration in a schoolroom, but a fine spell, about 11.30 a.m., brought a change of venue, and a platform in front of the main entrance was quickly carpeted and decked with palms for the reception of the Governor, while seats were placed for the choir of boys and girls and the visitors. The defiance of the elements turned out badly for the programme.

Sir Harry Rawson, accompanied by Miss Rawson, and Mr. Harrison Smith, and Captain L. Wilson, A.D.C., arrived shortly after noon in a motor car, and was received by a cadet guard of honour. The National Anthem was sung as a welcome. A large number of Japanese officers and men, under Lieutenant-Commander Taguchi, had arrived early, and amongst the other visitors were:—Mr. J. H. Carruthers (the State Premier), Mr. C. A. Lee (Minister for Works), Sir Francis B. Suttor (President of the Legislative Council), Messrs. J. W. Turner, D. J. Cooper, M.A., Herr Alpen, and W. M. Daley. Mr. A. J. Kilgour, B.A., LL.B., headmaster, received the Vice-Regal party, and bid his Excellency welcome. Two tiny children then presented Miss Rawson with some beautiful flowers.

Sir Harry Rawson stood in the rain and delivered a patriotic address. He said the day was the anniversary of the birth of our late dearly beloved Queen Victoria, and it was for the future to be called Empire Day. Right round the world, where the descendants of the people of Great Britain and Ireland dwelt, there would be meetings that day. "Think of it," said his Excellency, "you are to-day with all those far-spread parts of the Empire honouring the occasion and learning something of the Empire to which you belong." In a great chain round the world, from east to west, from sunrise to sunset, there would be a continuous celebration of the day. Australian children had reason to be proud of their beautiful country, proud of the flag under which they lived, and honestly proud of the liberties they enjoyed in their country which was bound to have a great future, because of the fact that those liberties had been conferred by the mother country, and handed down to them. They were proud of their beautiful Australian flag, in the corner of which appeared the Union Jack, the symbol of liberty. (Applause.) The liberty the old mother country had fought for meant, not liberty to act just as each one liked, but liberty to think and act for themselves so long as they never interfered with the welfare of others, and above all the liberty to worship God in any manner

that was thought to be right. It was therefore their duty to consider the feelings of others in exercising that coveted freedom, which was part of the Empire property. He counselled them never to allow bitter sectarian animosities to arise within their hearts, and never to forget to do to others as they would like others to do unto them. His Majesty the King, who had given him an audience at Buckingham Palace when he arrived in England, and accorded him another audience just before he left, had delivered a message to him for the people and children of Australia. "I told his Majesty," said the Governor, "of the loyalty of New South Wales, and he told me to say that he was very much interested in everything that tended to your happiness, and prosperity. He regretted that he had been unable to come and see you, but he mentioned how he had sent his brothers and his sons to you. And he meant all he said." He hoped that they would all do their best to make Australia a great and happy land. (Applause.)

Mr. Carruthers referred eloquently to the liberties conferred on the Empire by the mother land, and pointed out that while they personally knew little of the horrors of the wars by which those liberties had been won, they could realise that the freedom they possessed had been nobly acquired on battlefields sown with blood. He referred to the great soldiers and sailors who had made Great Britain great, and added a kindly note of congratulation at the presence of England's allies in the East—the Japanese. Australia's safety from foreign invasion was, he thought, assured while England had an alliance with the great Power of the East, which was so contiguous to Australia. (Applause.)

The programme was much shortened on account of the rain, but the pupils displayed their vocal quality in the hymn "The Recessional," the songs "Rule Britannia," and "Sons of the Sea," and in the National Anthem. Several of the Japanese joined in the singing of the "Sons of the Sea" and the National Anthem.

THE GOVERNOR AT WOOLLAHRA.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

Extensive preparations had been made at the Woollahra Superior Public School for the celebration of Empire Day. The pupils had been marshalled by the principal in a solid mass facing the point from which the addresses were to be given and the flag unfurled. At the entrance to the new school building a guard of honour with band furnished by the school cadets was stationed, and punctually at the appointed time the strains of the National Anthem announced the State Governor's arrival. He was met by the school board, consisting of Dr. Quaife (chairman) and Messrs. David Davis, G. Norton Russell, S. M. Mowle, and W. F. Latimer, M.L.A. Among others present were Judge Docker, Mrs. Latimer (Mayoress), Hon. Charles Lee, the Rev. C. M'Clelland Barker, Mr. J. W. Turner, and Mrs. Bax (wife of the principal). On the arrival of Sir Harry Rawson he was enthusiastically greeted by the pupils. A lovely bouquet was presented to Miss Rawson on behalf of the teachers by little Miss Muriel Lamb, one of the pupils.

Mr. W. F. Latimer, M.L.A., on behalf of the residents, extended a cordial welcome to his Excellency and Miss Rawson.

Sir Harry Rawson then "broke the flag," and as the Union Jack floated lazily on the moisture-laden air, it was cheered and saluted by the children.

After thanking them for their welcome, his Excellency, in a short speech, addressed the children. He was, he said, very glad to be present among them for the second time to speak a few words on the anniversary of the birth of their late beloved Queen, which was now called Empire Day, and which was being celebrated in all parts of the world where there were British people. They should be pleased to think that there were thousands and millions of people gathered that day for a similar purpose, learning the history and position of the Empire they belonged to. Beginning at the East, across the Atlantic to the West Indies, and Canada, in numerous little islands, from the sun's rising to its setting, response was being made to the call of Empire Day. They had a great and lovely home out here of which they could be justly proud. They had a splendid country which had before it a great future, but he wanted them to remember that they were part of the British Empire. Its traditions and cares belonged to them. The liberty the mother country had fought for was theirs because it was their birthright. That liberty stood for civil and religious right, and though they would fight if needs be to preserve it, they must not abuse it, but should ever respect the feelings of others. He would urge upon them, as part of the British Empire, to suppress all bitter sectarian feeling; live and let live, and, shortly, to do unto others as they would have them do. He had, he said, a message from the King. He had when he was in the mother country been granted an audience, at which he told his Majesty of their loyalty and prosperity and the wonderful way in which the men and the women of this country had fought the dreadful drought. The King expressed great pleasure, and told him that he took a keen interest in all the colonies, but more especially in Australia. It was, his Majesty said, one of his keenest regrets that he had not been able to visit the country, but he had sent other representatives of the Royal family. "I take an immense interest in the welfare of Australia." (Cheers.) He (Sir Harry Rawson) told his Majesty that he would carry that message everywhere in New South Wales. In conclusion his Excellency wished them a bright and prosperous future, and once more impressed upon them the pernicious effects of sectarian discord. In forbearance and brotherly love Australia would be made united and happy. (Cheers.)

The Hon. Charles Lee also spoke.

Several items from an interesting programme had been rendered by the scholars, when the rain came down in a heavy shower. This had the effect of breaking up the function after hearty cheers had been given for the flag, the King, and Sir Harry Rawson.

CLEVELAND-STREET SCHOOL.

VISIT BY THE GOVERNOR.

After leaving the Woollahra Public School, his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, accompanied by Miss Rawson, Mr. Harrison Smith, and Captain L. Wilson, drove in a motor car to the Cleveland-street Superior Public School. The Vice-Regal party was preceded by Mr. Lee, Minister for Works, Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P., and Mr. Turner, Assistant Under-Secretary for Education. The cadets, under Captain Perry, formed a guard of honour. The visitors were received by the head master, Mr. J. Conway, the head mistress of the girls' school, Mrs. Smith, and the head mistress of the infants' school, Mrs. Jones, and also by the Parents' Association—a local institution, which does much in the way of upholding the honour and dignity of the school at all festive occasions. The main entrance was richly decorated with flowers, evergreens, and bunting. The party were escorted to the playground, which also was profusely decorated. On a large banner were worked out in flowers the words "Fear God, Honour the King, Love Your Country." As the Vice-Regal party and distinguished visitors were being escorted to the specially-prepared dais, some 2000 pupils, accompanied by a brass band, sang the National Anthem. The gathering at this time, notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the weather, was a large one. The children, wearing colours and decorations, and each carrying a flag, presented an animated scene. The parents and general public gathered round, and there was many manifestations of loyalty and patriotism.

The head master said that, on behalf of the teachers, pupils, and parents, he welcomed Sir Harry Rawson and Miss Rawson on the occasion of their first visit to the school. (Cheers.) They saw before them nearly 2000 children belonging to the people of this land, each child bearing emblems of loyalty to the great Empire, of which they all formed a part. Those children were proud to have seen the representative of the King that day, and on behalf of all present he gave the Governor and Miss Rawson a very hearty welcome. (Cheers.)

The children then sang "Sons of the Sea," after which one of the youngest pupils, Miss Dolly Broadbent, escorted by Master Elliott Lloyd, approached the dais and presented Miss Rawson with a handsome bouquet.

Sir Harry Rawson said he was pleased to come amongst them. This country was a great and glorious one, with a magnificent future, and the people of Australia should be proud of their country, but they should not forget that, as Australians, they were part of the mighty British Empire—an Empire over which the sun never sets, an Empire with a history, and with traditions and liberties that were won for its people, by whom he hoped they would ever be maintained as a birthright. (Cheers.) They had a flag of which they were proud, and to-day the people would salute that flag in every part of the Empire—the Union Jack they were delighted to do honour to. (Cheers.) But he would remind them that the liberties which they enjoyed did not permit them to do as they pleased, that was to the injury of other people. They were liberties which taught them to do unto others as they would be done by. At the same time to think for themselves, and not allow others to act for them. In short, to be honourable, upright, and just, but independent. Those were the liberties which their forefathers had won for them, and they were part of the traditions of the race. (Cheers.) To worship God in the way they thought right, but to give the same liberty and freedom to other people to worship in a different but equally conscientious manner, was also part of their duty as Britons. He urged them never to allow sectarianism to arise, but to work together as a God-fearing people, showing brotherly love and concord. Let them be just in their actions to all men, possessing independence of spirit, loving their country and their Sovereign, and Australia would be a prosperous land. (Loud cheers.)

Miss Rawson then unfurled the Union Jack, while the children sang with much spirit "Rule Britannia," and as they did so they waved small flags. The cadets at the same time saluted the flag. The scene was an imposing one. Cheers were given for the King.

Mr. Bruce Smith delivered an address.

Master Dare recited Rudyard Kipling's lines, "The Songs of the Sons," in an effective manner, and was warmly applauded.

The children, under the direction of Mr. Armstrong, having sung "Advance Australia Fair," the Vice-regal party took their departure. As they did so, cheers were given for the Governor and his daughter.

DARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

PRESENTATION OF A FLAG.

After leaving the Cleveland-street School Sir Harry Rawson and party drove over to the Darlington Superior Public School, where, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering, a new flag, presented to the school by the women's branch of the British Empire League, was hoisted and unfurled by the Mayoress of Sydney. The rain held off during the progress of the ceremony. A temporary platform had been erected around the flagpole in the playground, and members of the British Empire League and prominent residents of the district occupied seats on this platform. Alderman Ranson, chairman of the local Empire Day committee, occupied the chair. As the Governor alighted from the motor car he was saluted by the local cadets, who were in charge of Captain Burgess. Mr. Melville, headmaster, and Miss M'Neilly, headmistress, conducted the visitors to the dais, where they were welcomed by Mrs. Hugh Dixson, president of the women's branch of the Empire League.

The children sang "Hearts of Oak."

The Chairman said, on behalf of the people of Darlington, he welcomed for the second year in succession Sir Harry Rawson to their Empire Day celebrations. (Cheers.) Letters expressive of regret at inability to attend on account of number of engagements had been received from their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote, his Excellency the Admiral, the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor, and several of the State Ministry, all of whom wished the gathering every success. They also had received several encouraging letters from England. Lord Milner wrote, under date April 7, 1906:—"I wish most complete success in the approaching celebration of Empire Day at Darlington." (Cheers.) The Earl of Carrington by the same mail wrote:—"These celebrations are adapted to enlist the enthusiasm and develop the pride of the younger members of the community on behalf of the Empire and the glory of the heritage in which they may claim a share." After refering to his five happy years in this State, Lord Carrington wrote:—"These demonstrations have my entire sympathy, and I hope the one at Darlington may be in every way a complete success." (Cheers.) The Earl of Jersey had also written in the following terms:—"Patriotism is a principle worth cultivating, as it elevates the mind of the State. I wish your gathering every success. Lady Jersey is trying to arrange for some celebration of the day for the London children, and she will tell those working with her what you are doing at Darlington, in New South Wales." (Cheers.) Last of all, they had a letter from the Marquis of Linlithgow, who wrote:—"I trust this year's demonstration may be as successful or even more so than the one held last year to celebrate the same occasion." (Cheers.)

Mrs. Dixson, as president of the women's branch of the Empire League, on behalf of the members, presented the flag to the Governor, and he in turn requested the Lady Mayoress to hoist and unfurl the same, which Mrs. Taylor did amid cheers. The pupils sang "The Empire Flag" and "Rule Britannia."

One of the pupils, Miss Ella Ranson, presented Mrs. Dixson with a handsome bouquet, and Miss Violet Stephenson presented the Lady Mayoress with a similar bouquet.

Sir Harry Rawson then delivered an address similar in respects to that delivered at the Cleveland-street School.

The Minister for Works urged the children to take the flag which had just been unfurled as a motto. Let it be to them an object lesson of the greatness of England's glory. As a nation, he trusted the British people, particularly the Australian section, would go on prospering, would live in harmony and peace with their fellows, and unitedly build up this great country. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bruce Smith also spoke, after which the National Anthem was sung, and the Governor and his party left for Fort-street school.

THE GLEBE SCHOOLS.

SPEECH BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

The Chief Secretary, Mr. J. A. Hogue, who is the Parliamentary representative for the Glebe, accompanied the Mayor of the district (Alderman P. Lucas) and the local aldermen on a visit to the three schools in the Glebe district. The Rev. Dr. Clouston and the council clerk (Mr. Glasscock) were also of the party. The Forest Lodge School was first visited. The party then drove to the Glebe School, and afterwards they went to the Ragged School, in Bay-street. The Mayor and the aldermen, and other residents, provided 2500 badges, commemorative of the occasion. These had been distributed to the pupils in each school on the previous evening, and they were worn by the pupils at yesterday's demonstration. Each school building was prettily decorated. The pupils sang patriotic songs, and in this direction a word of praise must be given the children of the Ragged School, whose singing was a marked success.

Mr. Hogue explained to the children what Empire Day meant. It was to stimulate a feeling of patriotism. The man who loved his country loved his neighbour, and the man who loved his neighbour as himself complied with a Divine injunction. He referred to the Queen's glorious reign, and to her death in 1901, at the age of 81 years. He mentioned the fact that the only European monarch who had reigned longer than Queen Victoria was Louis IV., who was on the throne 71 years, but who came to the throne between 4 and 5 years of age. Louis IV. was a great monarch, but rather in the arts of war than in the arts of peace, while Queen Victoria's greatness and the influence of her reign were in the direction of peace. They were not celebrating the birthday of Queen Victoria, but men throughout the Empire had selected the birthday of that great Sovereign as the day on which they should celebrate the glory of the Empire to which they belonged.

Alderman Lucas (Mayor of the Glebe) spoke of the great development of the British Empire during the peaceful reign of Queen Victoria.

It was intended to have a sports programme carried out, but this portion of the proceedings had to be postponed owing to the rain.

KOGARAH.

ADDRESS BY MR. CARRUTHERS.

The class-rooms at the Kogarah Superior Public School were well filled yesterday morning, Mr. J. H. Carruthers, State Premier, having intimated his intention of being present to deliver an address. Mr. Carruthers, who arrived shortly before 10 o'clock, was received by the head-master (Mr. E. G. Wilson). The girls' and infants' departments were in charge of the Misses Moulton and Jeffrey respectively. The building was tastefully decorated throughout, while a magic lantern entertainment was provided for the infants. Appropriate songs were rendered.

Mr. Carruthers, who was received with applause, said he was very glad to be present. He reminded the children that New South Wales was discovered in 1770 by that great navigator Captain Cook, at a spot not far distant from the school. From that time until now not a solitary foe had endeavoured to land on our shores. Why was that? It was due to the fact that we were a part of the Empire of Great Britain. Australia was probably the richest country in the world, yet, compared with other portions of the globe, it was very young. New South Wales stood in the same position to England as a child who had had a good father and mother. England had been, and would continue to be, a splendid parent of the infant Commonwealth. Here in Australia we had enjoyed 118 years of unbroken peace, and for that we must thank the mother country. Great Britain had looked after our safety both at sea and on shore. Her "boys in blue" protected the mighty ocean, so that our merchantmen could go to any part of the world without fear of molestation. Empire Day was being celebrated right throughout the British dominions. The school children in India, South Africa, Fiji, England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales were being similarly visited, but he would like to place before them the other side of the picture. In Russia, the children were at their studies, but they did not celebrate Empire Day. They were mourning the loss of their fathers and brothers, who had met their death fighting for a King whom they did not love. But the loyal subjects of King Edward would be prepared to lay down their lives for him, simply because they loved and honoured him, and had good reason for so doing. In celebrating Empire Day the children should remember the heroes of the past, such as Nelson and Wellington. Then there were the great writers who had done so much for the advancement of the people. If the children had not so far obtained an intimate knowledge of the works of Shakespeare, Burke, Milton, and Tennyson, they would surely learn something about them later on. Such names as those were written on the scroll of history, and it might well be said "Life's fitful fever o'er, they sleep well."

The State Premier concluded by calling for three cheers for the King. He also expressed a hope that the children would have a very pleasant holiday. Cheers were given for Mr. Carruthers at the instance of the headmaster.

ROCKDALE.

The State Premier (Mr. Carruthers) visited the Rockdale Superior Public School shortly before 11 o'clock. He was received by the Acting-Mayor (Alderman W. T. Willington) and the headmaster (Mr. C. E. Broome). Among others present were Rev. H. N. Beale, Miss Hennessy (headmistress), and Mr. Donald Cormack. After the children had joined in singing "Rule Britannia," Mr. Carruthers delivered an address similar in most respects to that given at Kogarah. He hoped that in future years some of the present pupils of the Rockdale school would attain to eminence, and speak to the children of that day as he (Mr. Carruthers) was doing about the glorious Empire of which they were all justly proud.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

The principal Public schools in the district held patriotic demonstrations, at which much local enthusiasm was manifested. At St. Leonards Superior Public School there was a fine display of bunting. Owing, however, to the inclemency of the weather the outdoor portion of the programme, in which the cadets were to have taken part, had to be abandoned. Nevertheless, there was a large and representative gathering assembled in the main class-room, where the scholars had been accommodated by the headmaster (Mr. N. Greenwood). The Mayor of North Sydney (Alderman J. Carter) presided, and in addition to the members of the local school board there were present Mr. T. E. Creswell, M.L.A., the Rev. J. H. M'Lean, and many prominent residents. Addresses of a patriotic character were delivered by the Mayor, Mr. Creswell, the Rev. J. H. M'Lean, and others. Several patriotic songs, including "The Song of Empire," the words of which were written by Lady Jersey, were sung by the children, and the utmost patriotism was shown. Mrs. Carter also presented the medals won at the swimming and life-saving competitions.

At the Neutral Bay Superior Public School there was another splendid display of flags, the Union Jack occupying a commanding position. Inside the building addresses were delivered by Messrs. Dugald Thomson, M.P., T. E. Creswell, M.L.A., Jas. T. Wilshire, the Rev. R. H. Waugh, and Captain Moseley. The children sang with great spirit several appropriate songs, including "Rule Britannia," "Red, White, and Blue," "Advance Australia Fair," and "Sunny New South Wales." The headmaster (Mr. Cousins) had arranged an outdoor feature, but owing to the rain it was dispensed with.

At North St. Leonards school, the Mayor of North Sydney (Alderman J. Carter) presided over a large attendance. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the chairman, Mr. David Fell, M.L.A., and the Rev. W. H. Ash. The children, under the direction of the headmaster (Mr. Roberts) sang a number of patriotic songs. The school was gaily decorated for the occasion with flags, amongst which the Union Jack and Federal flags were prominent.

The Attorney-General (Mr. C. G. Wade) addressed the scholars of the Public schools at Chatswood, Willoughby, and Gordon, and his brief remarks were received with enthusiasm. At the Chatswood Superior Public School the Mayor of Willoughby presided, and amongst those present were the Attorney-General, Alderman Hugh Duff, Messrs. Ludowici and A. A. C. Bastian (town clerk), Captain Holmes, Dr. Clarence Read, the Rev. G. Howe, and many prominent residents. Mr. Wade in the course of his address impressed upon the scholars the principles of loyalty and unity, and said that their chief characteristics should be cohesion, pluck, and endurance. Under the direction of the headmaster, the scholars sang several patriotic songs, and gave suitable recitations. A profusion of flags made the school bright and gay, notwithstanding the rain. At the Gordon school Mr. Wade gave another patriotic address. There was here a large attendance of members of the local school board and residents. The children contributed many songs of a suitable character, and were subsequently entertained by the members of the board. The Britannia Brass Band added greatly to the impressive nature of the gathering.

At the Mosman Public School the cadets were formed up under Cadet Captain Taylor, and saluted the flag. The remainder of the interesting proceedings, embracing appropriate songs, took place under shelter in the presence of a good gathering. The borough of Mosman had arranged for a patriotic demonstration on a large scale, to be held during the afternoon at Rawson Park, but owing to the persistent and heavy rain it had to be abandoned. Nevertheless, the planting of a few trees was undertaken by the Mayor (Alderman P. Leahy) and others.

The pupils at the East St. Leonards Public School, who wore on their left breasts "Empire badges," and carried miniature Union Jacks, assembled at the usual time in the schoolyard, when the Union Jack and Commonwealth flag, presented to the school by A. Grant, Esq., Fairlight, Milson's Point, were unfurled, and saluted. The scholars then proceeded to the schoolroom, where addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Kinghorn, Rev. N. J. Cocks, Rev. H. W. Rogers, and the principal teacher, Mr. J. P. Humphries. Patriotic songs were rendered by the pupils.

Empire Day was celebrated by the pupils of the Drummoyne Superior Public School. Owing to the heavy rain the children were gathered in the girls' room, where a programme of patriotic songs was rendered. Addresses were given by Mr. Sewell, chairman of the School Board; Rev. T. Reynolds, Alderman Shand, Mr. C. Morgan, council clerk, and Master Harry Brown. Among the songs rendered by the pupils were "The Red, White, and Blue," "Advance Australia Fair," "Soldiers of the King," "The Lads in Navy Blue," "Rule, Britannia," and "When the Empire Calls." The children were then lined up before the flagpole, and the Union Jack was hoisted by Kitty Grant. All came to attention and saluted, whilst the cadets fired three rounds. "God Save the King" was sung, and then followed three cheers for the flag.

Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, the Empire Day celebration at the Darling-road school was most enthusiastic. The pupils, to the number of 1500, were assembled in separate departments, when they were interviewed by some hundreds of visitors. The patriotic songs included "Advance Australia," "Rule, Britannia," "Empire Ode" (Lady Jersey), and the National Anthem. The senior pupils and visitors assembled in the principal room, where appropriate addresses were delivered by the Mayor, Alderman M. H. Cohen, Mr. W. H. Wilks, M.P., Aldermen H. Cox, and J. Young, and the headmaster, Mr. P. J. Nelligan. Saluting the Australian flag and the Union Jack was made a special feature. As the boys saluted the unfurled flag in turn, the cadets fired volleys, and thus concluded an impressive ceremony.

The ceremony of unfurling the flag presented by Mrs. Rutter, held at the Coogee Superior Public School, under the auspices of the Women's Branch of the British Empire League, attracted a large attendance. Among the members of the branch present were Mesdames John Gibb, A. W. Meeks, Jenkins, Phillips, Rutter, Robert Farrell (secretary), Wilfred Docker, Ashdown, Eyres, Monk, Edwards, Dr. Grace Boelke, Miss Grace, Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., presided. Prior to unfurling the flag, the chairman delivered a short address. Mr. W. H. Kelly, in the absence of Lady Barton, presented the flag on behalf of Mrs. Rutter, the children singing "Rule, Britannia." Addresses were also delivered by Mr. W. H. Kelly, M.P., Mrs. Farrell, and the Revs. W. Greenwood, Talbot, and H. Rickard.

The pupils from the Randwick, Kensington, Little Coogee, La Perouse, Cross-roads (Botany), and Little Bay Public Schools, and also from the Randwick Asylum, celebrated Empire Day at the grounds of the Randwick Superior Public School, and afterwards at the Town Hall. Mrs. David Storey "broke the flag" presented by Mr. David Storey, M.L.A. The proceedings in the Town Hall were under the chairmanship of the Mayor (Alderman J. C. M'Dougall), and were highly enthusiastic. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Storey, M.L.A., Joseph Coulter, the Revs. W. Newmarch, C. H. Talbot, F. G. Crouch, and others. After a programme of patriotic items had been rendered, the children were regaled with refreshments.

As a wind-up to the function, many prominent residents of the suburb assembled at the Town Hall in the evening at the invitation of Alderman J. C. M'Dougall, Mayor. An excellent programme of music was presented. The toast of "The Empire and the King" was given by the Mayor, and supported by Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., and the Revs. Talbot and Rickard, and Mr. Waters.

The united schools' demonstration attracted a large number of spectators to the Victoria Barracks, where the children from the Paddington, Glenmore-road, and Albion-street Superior Public Schools assembled to do honour to the flag. Alderman Thomas George (of the local school board) presided. Hardly had the proceedings fairly started, however, before the rain squalls necessitated a retreat to the large drill hall. This was rapidly filled, and the children spent an enthusiastic time, enlivened by the strains of the R.A.A. Band. General Gordon delivered an address on the Empire. He reminded them that the liberty they enjoyed was the result of the battles fought by their forefathers; it would be for them to sustain the traditions of the Empire.

Mr. C. W. Oakes also addressed the children, incorporating in his remarks the recitation "The Flag of Liberty." A programme of patriotic selections was rendered by the children.

The combined schools' demonstration, which was to have taken place at the park at Waverley, had to be abandoned on account of the weather. Arrangements had been made for a demonstration of an extensive character, at which 1500 school children were to sing, but long before the appointed time heavy showers fell, and it was decided to celebrate Empire Day at the Bondi Superior Public School. The Mayor of Waverley (Alderman R. G. Watkins) presided. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. H. Kelly, M.P., D. Storey and T. Jessep, Ms.L.A., and others. The ceremony of unfurling the flag presented to the girls' department by Mrs. John Gibb was performed by Mrs R. G. Watkins (Mayoress of Waverley), who was made the recipient of a presentation of Empire Day medallions. The speeches were interspersed by patriotic selections by the scholars, under the baton of Mr. Bolus (principal of the Bondi Superior Public School). Among those present were Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Alfred Lee, and Alderman Cox (members of the local committee), also Messrs. W. H. Simpson (chairman of the local school board), and Price (headmaster of Waverley Superior Public School.

It has been decided to carry out the sports at a future date.

The local School Board and leading residents of Waterloo had prepared an interesting programme to celebrate the day, but the rain prevented the executive from carrying out the programme in its entirety. The morning portion of the proceedings and the tree-planting operations were gone through. The pupils and their parents and friends gathered in the school at 10 o'clock, when addresses were delivered by Mr. Dacey, M.L.A., Alderman L. P. Williams (chairman of the local School Board), Alderman Ross, and others. The Mayor (Alderman Danks) sang the songs "When the Empire Calls" and "Red, White, and Blue" to which the pupils in each case contributed the chorus. Several of the pupils also sang solos, and others recited. At the conclusion of the musical programme an adjournment was made to the front of the school building, where Alderman Williams broke the flag, which was saluted by the pupils, who sang patriotic songs. Luncheon was then served to both children and adults, and in the afternoon trees were planted in the school grounds by Mrs. Dacey, the Mayoress (Mrs. Danks), and a number of the ladies of the district. The trees were planted in plantations which had been prepared by the Zetland Social Club. The whole of the arrangements of the day were in the hands of a large executive committee, of which the Mayor (Alderman Danks) was chairman, Alderman S. Whitehurst hon. treasurer, and Alderman T. Ross hon. secretary.

There was a large gathering of parents and friends at the Crystal-street Petersham Public school. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. Allen on "Great names in English literature and in science;" Mr. W. H. Mahony, M.L.A., on "Exploration and great British soldiers;" Alderman R. Barry on "The Navy;" Alderman H. Smithers on "Abolition of slavery;" and Ensign Veal on "The Progress of Australia." The pupils, under the conductorship of Mr. Hall, sang several patriotic songs. At the conclusion of the addresses some trees were planted in the playgrounds by parents and pupils.

The children attending the Erskineville Public school gathered in the school grounds to celebrate Empire Day. In addition to the pupils, who mustered over 1000, the residents were present in fairly large numbers. Mr. George Watson, who presided, addressed the children. Mr. Dacey, M.L.A., and the Mayor (Alderman Robinson) also spoke. Patriotic songs were sung. The flag was unfurled, and cheers were given for the King.

The children attending the Alexandria Public school were marched to the Alexandria Park oval, where a demonstration and display took place. The scene was a most effective one. The children were decorated with the national colours, and each carried a flag. These flags were waved at given signals during the proceedings, a very pretty effect being thereby produced. A band of music played and accompanied the singing. In the absence, through illness, of the Mayor (Alderman M'Cauley), his place was filled by the ex-Mayor (Alderman O'Riordan). The Mayoress (Mrs. M'Cauley) took an active part in looking after the wants of the children. The gathering was addressed by Mr. Dacey, M.L.A., the ex-Mayor (Alderman O'Riordan), and Mrs. Gornall. Patriotic songs were sung by the children, and at the close of the proceedings refreshments were served.

Empire Day was celebrated at Petersham by separate functions in the boys', girls', and infants' rooms. Addresses were delivered by Mr. V. Spence (chairman), Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., Rev. Dr. Sellors, Rev. Dr. Porter Rev. W. Allen, and the head teachers. The rooms were decorated with greenery, flowers, flags, shields, etc., and the various musical, vocal, and elocutionary items were enthusiastically received by the children and the parents. A cornet solo, "Death of Nelson," by Mr. Lovell, and a violin solo by Master G. Ludlow, were enjoyed, as were some of the songs and recitations in character by the girls and infants. The girls presented Mrs. Cohen with a programme, bearing an Australian design painted by Miss J. Atterton. In reply Mrs. Cohen gave an address to the girls.

At the Public school, Summer Hill, there was a large attendance of children, and a number of visitors. Under the conductorship of Miss Baker, head mistress, the children sang several patriotic songs. The Mayor of Ashfield (Alderman Stanton) presided, and addressed the children. Addresses were also given by Canon Vaughan (St. Andrew's Church), Mrs. Melville, and Mr. T. Glassop (secretary of the local School Board). Cheers were given for the visitors and Mr. Byrne, head master. Saluting the flag in the school grounds concluded the proceedings.

The Superior Public school, Ashfield, celebrated the day in a fitting manner. The children met at half-past 9, and a very interesting programme of songs and choruses and recitations was rendered. Addresses were given by the Mayor of Ashfield (Alderman Stanton), Alderman Robson, M.L.A., Mr. T. Glassop (secretary of the local School Board), and several of the teachers. The cadets and the boys afterwards saluted the flag.

At the Burwood Superior Public school the flag was hoisted at 9.30 a.m., and saluted by the whole school, while the cadets fired three volleys. The National Anthem followed. During the school hours addresses were given by the teachers on empire and patriotic subjects, and appropriate songs and recitations were interlarded. Mr. T. Henley, M.L.A., also addressed the pupils, who were under the superintendence of Mr. J. H. Hopman (acting principal).

Empire Day was celebrated at the Burwood Ladies' College. The pupils and staff assembled at noon, in the Schofield Hall, when an address was given by the principal (the Rev. E. J. Rodd). The national flags were displayed, and several patriotic songs were sung. The proceedings were closed by cheers for "The King," "The Empire," and "The Commonwealth."

Mr. Dwyer, principal of the Homebush Public school, arranged a fitting celebration for the pupils. Alderman J. Price (Mayor of Strathfield) delivered an address, introducing the subject of the empire, and the Rev. H. J. Rose, who was chaplain to a section of the forces in South Africa, followed with an inspiriting speech. The Rev. G. C. Percival also delivered a patriotic address. Songs were sung, and there was a distribution of sweets.

Mrs. H. Dixson presented to the Canterbury Public school a Union Jack on behalf of the women's branch of the British Empire League. The gathering, which took place in the school building, was presided over by the Mayor (Alderman J. Denniss, who delivered a short address. Mrs. Dixson then presented the colours to the school, at the conclusion of which Mr. T. F. H. Mackenzie, M.L.A., delivered a short address. Alderman B. Taylor also spoke. A patriotic programme was carried out by the children, and, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, an enjoyable time was spent.

A patriotic demonstration by the scholars of the Belmore North Public school was held in the building yesterday. Mr. T. F. H. Mackenzie, M.L.A. for Canterbury, presided, and delivered an address on the protection afforded to Australia by England. Addresses were also given by the Rev. Mr. Preston, Alderman B. Taylor, Mr. G. Brack (member of the local School Board), and Mr. E. W. Cutler. An interesting programme was carried out.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

Arrangements had been made for the celebrating of Empire Day in various parts of the district by the holding of school sports in the afternoon, but, owing to the inclement weather, the sports had to be postponed. The arrangements in regard to the morning programme were carried out, and addresses of a patriotic nature were delivered in the schools, patriotic songs also forming a part of the programme. The Parramatta South Superior school assembled at the Town Hall, when the Mayor (Alderman Noller) and the Rev. Joseph Woodhouse addressed the children. At Parramatta North Superior school a similar programme was carried out, when short addresses were given by Mr. T. R. Moxham, M.L.A., the Revs. J. Paterson and W. H. Howard, and Mr. J. C. Hunt. A demonstration was held in the Town Hall in the evening, when patriotic addresses were delivered, and a musical programme rendered. At the Granville Superior Public school, Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., distributed the prizes and gave a patriotic address. The speakers at the Pitt Row school were Alderman W. F. Jago and Mr. Jas. Watt, C.P.S. At Rookwood school the Mayor (Alderman Larcombe) and Mr. R. Slee, J.P., delivered appropriate addresses.

AT MANLY.

Although the weather was unfavourable the celebration at Manly was carried out in an enthusiastic manner. Dr. Keenan, chairman of the local School Board, hoisted the Union Jack, to the accompaniment of cheers from the pupils of the school and a large number of residents. Patriotic addresses were delivered by the chairman, the Rev. J. Anderson Gardiner, Rev. J. Thompson, the Mayor of Manly (Mr. E. W. Quirk), and Aldermen Passau and King. The children recited "The Flag of Freedom," and sang "The Song of the Empire" (Lady Jersey's), the Recessional Hymn, and "Ye Mariners of England." The sports, which were to have been held on the park, were postponed. Refreshments were provided in the school for the pupils. The Public school at Brookvale was also visited by members of the School Board, and addresses delivered. Mr. W. Smith, of Manly, entertained the children.

The concert in the evening was held in Victoria Hall, and was a pronounced success. An excellent programme was submitted, several artists from Sydney assisting the local talent. A detachment of officers and men from the Japanese squadron, under Commander Ishikowa, arrived in the 7 o'clock boat from Sydney, escorted by Captain H. D. L. Woods (Irish Rifles), and were saluted by a volley of guns and taken to the hall. The Mayor of Manly welcomed the visitors, and the commander responded in Japanese, which was afterwards interpreted by Lieutenant Seizo Kobayashi. After the concert the visitors were entertained at supper.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

At the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children on Empire Day, to celebrate the day, a feast was given to the children by the liberality of Mrs. Charles Fairfax and her daughters, the Misses Carrie and Amy Fairfax, for some years past resident in London. The hon. treasurer of the hospital, Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch, received from the abovenamed ladies a cablegram wishing the children of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children good health and happiness, stating that on that day the donors of the feast, with the assistance of the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. Kemp Welch), were giving a similar feast to the sick children at Cheyne Children's Hospital, London (which was founded by an Australian, the late Mr. Wickham Flower), thus linking the children of the Empire together in sympathy. Apology was made for the non-attendance of the hon. secretary of the hospital, Mr. Harold Fairfax. A Punch and Judy show was given during the afternoon, and selections by the gramophone, lent by Mr. Wise (of the Gramophone Company, Ltd.) proved entertaining to the children.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. J. H. Maiden (director of the Botanic Gardens) struck a new note in connection with Empire Day at the Girls' High School yesterday. With the aid of flowers, drawings, etc., he dealt with the subject of national floral emblems. He pointed out that flowers and leaves had long been emblematic. The highest honour for a Roman soldier was a simple crown of oak leaves. The oak, indeed, was looked upon by the ancients as an emblem of patriotism, and it was perhaps the most suitable plant emblem of Empire for Empire Day. The laurel was the emblem of glory, and in the Pythian games the victor was crowned with leaves of that plant. Similarly the Olympian winner received a garland of wild olive. The rose was the national flower of England, just as the oak is the national tree. The ancients suspended a rose over the table at feasts, intimating to the assembled guests that the conversation was to be held sacred, and not to be repeated elsewhere. Hence the expression "sub rosa." At one time in English history the rose was the emblem of strife. Edward I. first wore the red rose, and Edmund Langley, Duke of York, adopted the white one. Flowers in England had been used as a party emblem, notably the primrose of the Conservatives. The broom, or planta-genista, was the badge of the Plantagenets. He also referred to the leek of Wales, the thistle of Scotland, the shamrock of Ireland, the fleur-de-lis or lily of France, the violet of the Bonapartes, the blue cornflower or Kaiserblume of Germany, the pomegranate of Spain, the red carnation or garofano of Italy, the sacred lotus of Egypt, the chrysanthemum of Japan, the golden rod of Nebraska, the Seg lily of Utah, the red clover of Vermont, the native grape of Oregon, the apple blossom of Michigan, the pine-tassel and cone of Maine, the bitter-root of Montana, the white and blue columbine of Colorado, the mistletoe of Oklahama, the wild rose of Iowa, the sunflower of Kansas, and the cactus of Mexico. In this State there was no national floral emblem, but when one was chosen it would probably be the gum or wattle blossom.

DECORATIONS AND ILLUMINATIONS.

IN THE CITY.

In all parts of the metropolis flags were displayed, and floating from the highest poles were the Australian flag and the Union Jack. There were also many attractive arrays of bunting. The spectacular effects were in some instances marred by the rains and the north-easter. In addition to the decoration of the exterior of buildings, many firms also ornamented the interior of their premises, and numerous picturesque displays were made in windows. The unceasing and steady rain from noon prevented the citizens from viewing many of the displays. There were very few sightseers, so unpropitious was the weather, and the band concerts arranged for the latter part of the day were not given. The statue of Queen Victoria was one of the chief attractions, and was made beautiful by artistic circles of flags and shields, and a profusion of elegant palms. Each of the poles surrounding the statue was surmounted by a gilded crown. The Royal Exchange-building was decorated inside and outside, and it was also crowded for several hours by commercial men and their friends. It is being more and more recognised that commerce plays a great part in the progress of the Empire, and recognition of this fact was duly made at the gathering of merchants and traders at the Royal Exchange yesterday. Not only was there rejoicing but also thanksgiving for the privileges and blessings enjoyed by the Empire. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, and there was great cheering after the large crowd saluted the flag. Several appropriate mottoes were placed in the vestibule of the building. The main frontage of the "Sydney Morning Herald" office presented a picturesque appearance. The effect produced by an artistic arrangement of flags was that of unity of the Empire. Four tiers of flags and the shields of the six States of the Commonwealth, and red, white, and blue streamers, were utilised in the decorations. The Federal flag was flown above the Post Office, and there were lines of flags in front of the Town Hall. At the police stations in all parts of the metropolis pleasing displays of bunting were made. The water police showed the flags of several nations. Flying alongside the Union Jack and Federal flag were seen the Stars and Stripes and the banner of the Rising Sun of Japan. Unfortunately the decorative work of the water police was somewhat spoilt by the north-easter, which disarranged the wet bunting. The Union Jack and Federal flag were hung over the doorways of innumerable business places, and from the balconies of private dwellings. Floral decorations which charmed the beholders were made by the florists. Excellent window displays were also shown by drapery firms, including Messrs. David Jones and Co., and Hordern Brothers. Empire Day favours, miniature flags, rosettes, and buttons, were worn by a very large number of adults and children.

AT THE LANDS OFFICE.

After business hours yesterday officers of the Lands Department met in the vestibule at the Loftus-street entrance to the offices to celebrate Empire Day. The tablet there erected to the memory of the officers of the department who fell in South Africa was decorated with wreaths and draped with the Royal Standard, the Union Jack, and the Australian flag. The vestibule was artistically dressed in bunting and greenery, and festooned portraits of the King and Queen adorned the walls, while wreaths of greenery hung in graceful curves from the central lamp to the walls. A pretty idea was the joining of each wreath to the other by the "Crimson Thread of Kinship"—which in reality was a narrow red ribbon. Mr. Victor Cohen, who had charge of the proceedings, delivered a short address, and asked Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P., president of the local branch of the British Empire League, to break the Royal Standard. In doing so Mr. Bruce Smith delivered an appropriate address, outlining the growth of the Empire Day movement, particularly in Australia. To Mr. E. MacFarlane was entrusted the duty of breaking the Union Jack; and Captain Booker, president of the Australian Natives' Association, hoisted the Australian flag. During the proceedings "Rule Britannia," "Red, White, and Blue," and "Hail, Australia" were sung. The proceedings terminated with cheers for the King and the singing of the National Anthem.

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

On all public buildings there was a generous display of bunting. At the Treasury the entrance was draped with flags, and groups of colours with shields adorned the parapet. A special celebration of Empire Day took place at the Lands Office, where something more elaborate in the way of decoration was done. The Governor-General's residence was illuminated at night, the main lines of the building being picked out with rows of white lights. The dome of the Colonial Secretary's Office carried a circle of five arc lights, and formed a conspicuous feature after nightfall. Parliament House and the Commonwealth offices were gay with flags. The rain probably prevented a more elaborate display at some of the public offices.

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

It would be difficult to imagine a more unsuitable day for the decoration of shipping, but nevertheless very creditable attempts were made to present displays. In addition to the warships and the mail steamers, many of the interstate coastal and ferry boats, as well as several sailing vessels, were dressed from stem to stern.

The illuminations of Monday last were repeated last night, but comparatively few persons ventured out in the teeth of a violent easterly gale and torrential rains. H.M.S. Powerful presented a magnificent sight, her four funnels, masts, yards, fighting tops, and deck lines being completely outlined. The displays made at Point Macquarie, Milson's Point, Garden Island, and Fort Denison were on the same scale as on the former occasion, while at the Circular Quay the German mail steamer Darmstadt and the P. and O. Company's R.M.S. China looked very picturesque.

"Patriot" suggests that, as the weather conditions have been so unfavourable on the two evenings set apart for the illumination of the harbour and fleet, the illuminations should be repeated on Saturday evening.

RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY DECORATIONS.

The adornment of the trains and trams formed a feature in the decorations of the day. Each railway engine carried cross flags, and each tram motor had a flag flying from the overhead pole. The Redfern railway station, also several of the suburban stations, were decorated with bunting, and in some cases with evergreens. Flags were flying from the mechanical and washing sheds at Eveleigh, from the stores department, and from the Railway Institute in Devonshire-street.

A MILITARY SUPPER.

The brigade and regimental staff and sergeants of the 1st Australian Infantry Regiment gave a supper in the drill hall last night. Warrant-officer Conway presided. There was a good attendance of officers of the regiment and from other corps. A number of toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable musical programme was afterwards carried out.

IN THE COUNTRY.

ARMIDALE.—Empire Day was celebrated in a very hearty manner, despite the showery weather. Addresses were delivered by leading citizens to the Public school children, who sang patriotic songs. The flag was unfurled in the central park by the Mayoress, Mrs. Jones, and a salute was fired by the combined military forces, the band playing the National Anthem. All the children of the district were supplied with refreshments at the close of the proceedings.

BARMEDMAN.—Rain fell steadily all day, and the programme arranged for Empire Day suffered some alterations. The children's picnic was held at the Public school instead of the recreation ground. The sports programme being postponed until Saturday.

BATHURST.—Rain marred the Empire celebrations. About 1500 children massed in Machattie Park, the Public schools and private schools being represented. Addresses were delivered by the Mayor, Mr. E. T. Webb, Dean Marriott, and Dr. Machattie, and patriotic songs were rendered by the school children. Mr. G. Ross Thomas, of the district Public school, conducting. The children having marched past and saluted the flag were presented with bags of sweets. Each child was also presented with a medal. Balloons were sent up from the Public school grounds. In the afternoon a united religious service was held in All Saints' Cathedral, in which the Revs. J. Hulme (Methodist), and A. Clarke (Presbyterian) read the lessons. An impressive address was delivered by the Very Rev. Dean Marriott (the rector), on the words, "Beware, lest thou forget God." Special hymns were sung by the united choir from all the Protestant churches. On account of the continuous rain the fireworks display, bonfire, procession of friendly societies, and other bodies were postponed.

BEGA.—Empire Day was celebrated here; 750 children met at the Bega Superior Public school. All were decorated with a patriotic badge, presented by the Bega District Teachers' Association. Addresses were delivered by the Mayor (Alderman Pell), various clergymen, and Captain Jackson. The breaking and saluting the flag was performed by the school children. The school and town were decorated with flags and streamers. Owing to the continuous fall of rain the programme of sports was conducted in the Lyceum Hall, in lieu of on the show ground, as originally intended. Nearly 1000 children were present.

BOURKE.—Empire Day passed off quietly. Several attractions, which were to have taken place, had to be postponed owing to recent copious rains. A special service was held in all the churches. Flags were flying from the principal Government buildings, and a number of business places.

BOWRAL.—The celebrations were interfered with by heavy rain, outdoor arrangements being cancelled. A demonstration was held in the School of Arts, where vigorous speeches were made by prominent citizens, and patriotic songs were rendered by the children. The Union Jack was hoisted by Mrs. J. J. Campbell, one of the oldest residents. The Mayoress presented the prizes for the patriotic essays. The children were entertained at lunch. The procession and sports were postponed.

BRAIDWOOD.—Empire Day was celebrated by patriotic addresses to the children at the Public school, delivered by Colonel Ryrie, M.L.A., Mr. A. Elliott, P.M., Mr. T. Walker, inspector of schools, and the Mayor. Afterwards a procession was formed, and, headed by a band, the local contingent of the Australian Horse, members of the friendly societies, and fire brigade, marched through the principal streets to the police paddock, where a monster picnic was held. Prizes were given the children. Light rain fell during the morning, afterwards setting in heavily, causing an early clearance of the crowd.

BLAYNEY.—Most buildings in town had bunting flying. The pupils of the Public school and the Convent school received commemorative medals. Both schools meeting at the Public school marched to the Town Hall, where the Mayor, the Rev. Mr. Howell, and others delivered addresses. Several patriotic songs were sung. The children afterwards marched to the show ground, where a picnic was held. Rain began to fall early, continuing the whole day.

BLACKHEATH.—Although heavy rain fell, the Empire Day celebrations were carried out. During the morning a meeting took place in the public hall. Mr. Laws, master of the Public school, presided. Patriotic speeches were made by the Revs. E. Lampard, B.A., R. A. Redmond, M.A., and Mr. H. J. Collier. Mr. Laws read an essay written by Elsie Booker on the subject "The Empire," for which she won a gold medal presented by Mrs. Goodare. Patriotic part songs were rendered, including the Empire Ode written by the Countess of Jersey. Lunch was then partaken of by the children, and afterwards games of various kinds were played in the hall. The fireworks and bonfire were postponed till Prince of Wales' birthday.

BULLI.—Empire Day celebrations were marred by wet weather. The town was elaborately draped with flags. Five schools were visited, and patriotic speeches made by Messrs. Board, Fuller, Boyd, and E. W. O'Sullivan, and two officers representing the navy, Captain Wills and Lieutenant Hazel. Flags were presented to each school, and the children sang patriotic songs. Cheers were given for the King. Visitors were shown over the South Bulli Colliery in the afternoon. Mr. McWilliams, a returned South African soldier, acted as orderly throughout.

CARCOAR.—The Public school was gaily decorated with flags in honour of Empire Day. At Neville sports were held by the Athletic Association, which were well patronised. Neville Public school children also held a picnic. Drizzling rain fell all day and greatly interfered with the success of the sports and the picnic.

COOMA.—Empire Day was observed by a demonstration on the show ground, where a large number of school children assembled and sang patriotic songs. Addresses were delivered by the Mayor, Alderman L. Shannon, the clergy, and Mr. H. Gunning, representing the Public School Board. Lunch was provided and sports and games indulged in during the afternoon. Steady rain set in shortly before 5 p.m. Fireworks were in evidence in the evening.

COONAMBLE.—Empire Day was celebrated at the Public school, where the Union Jack was hoisted under the supervision of Mr. J. Green, headmaster, and other teachers. Short addresses were afterwards delivered by Dr. Bertram, the Rev. J. Parr, Church of England, Mr. J. R. M'William, the Rev. W. N. Lock, Methodist, and the police magistrate. The children sang the National Anthem, and were afterwards given a holiday. Flags were also hoisted at the School of Arts, the council-chambers, and other buildings. Steady rain fell during the afternoon.

COOTAMUNDRA.—Empire Day was celebrated by the Public school children in the Town Hall, where they sang patriotic songs, and appropriate speeches were delivered by prominent townsmen. The Union Jack floated from the principal buildings. It rained steadily all day.

COWRA.—Empire Day was proclaimed a public holiday in Cowra and district, and was celebrated by a combined schools picnic. About 800 children assembled and marched through the main street to the show ground, headed by the town band, where the children were treated and amusements provided. On arriving at the ground the boys marched past and saluted the Union Jack. The boys and girls afterwards joined in singing the National Anthem. The weather during the day was rainy.

CONDOBOLIN.—To-day was observed as a partial holiday. Rain fell steadily. The children's picnic in the park was given up, but the children were entertained at the Temperance Hall. They marched from the school to the hall, where they were addressed by Messrs. A. Kelly, M.L.A., William Maitland (Mayor), T. J. Brady, and J. M. Nash. Afterwards the children were regaled with refreshments, provided by the Mayor and Mayoress, assisted by several friends. In the afternoon the new rifle range was opened by Mr. A. Kelly, M.L.A. Considering the rainy weather there was a very large attendance. Mrs. Holloway, wife of Captain Holloway, fired the first shot, and Mrs. M'Creadie, the second. Afterwards general shooting was indulged in, and good scores were made, considering the want of practice of the members. The rifle club banquet was held at the Royal Hotel.

DAPTO.—Empire Day was celebrated by a united picnic of the schools of the town held in the Agricultural Society's Grounds, 350 children attending. A procession was formed at the railway station, and marched to the grounds, headed by the town band and members of the rifle club. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. G. Fairley, the Revs. G. Blacket and W. Pettinger. The Union Jack was unfurled and patriotic songs rendered. Rain fell during the day, but the sports were carried out till evening.

DUBBO.—Empire Day was celebrated in the Dubbo District School. The Union Jack was flown from the school building, and addresses to the scholars were delivered by Mr. G. H. Taylor, the Revs. E. H. Lea and J. C. McNeil, Mr. Thrower, M.L.A., and other gentlemen. A number of patriotic songs were sung by the children. The Caledonian Society arranged a Highland Gathering on the show ground, but in consequence of heavy rain it was indefinitely postponed.

DENILIQUIN.—A concert, forming a portion of the celebrations, was held on Wednesday night in the Town Hall, at which a number of Melbourne and Bendigo vocalists and elocutionists assisted. The attendance was affected by the weather. Other celebrations had to be postponed.

FORBES.—At the Town Hall last night the opera "Pinafore" was produced by local amateurs, with the assistance of Mrs. Arthur Hatford as Josephine. There was an immense audience, and the performance was highly appreciated. The proceeds will be in aid of the recently erected soldiers' memorial. The opera will be repeated to-night in commemoration of Empire Day.

GERMANTON.—At the Public school Mr. J. Ross, chairman of the local school board, presided and delivered an address. Speeches were also delivered by the Rev. J. Bean, Mr. Jas. Stewart, and Mr. J. Roxby (teacher). Rain fell heavily all day, and the outdoor demonstration had to be abandoned.

GLEN INNES.—The elaborate arrangements which had been made to celebrate Empire Day had to be practically abandoned owing to the inclemency of the weather. Notwithstanding the rain, however, demonstrations on a small scale were held in the district Public school and at the show ground. At 11.30 at the district school patriotic addresses were delivered to the children by the Mayor (Alderman H. R. Crossman) and Messrs. W. E. Vincent and Coates. The children then sang "Advance Australia." The Mayor unfurled the Union Jack, and cheers were given for the King. The children then proceeded to the show ground, where a monster picnic was to have been held, but owing to the rain it was with considerable difficulty that a programme of sports was carried out. In the evening a patriotic concert was held in the Town Hall.

GOSFORD.—Despite heavy rain which fell all day incessantly Empire day was celebrated with enthusiasm. Several hundred children, representative of pupils from Gosford, Woodport, and Narara schools, assembled at the Gosford Agricultural Hall, which was gaily decorated. Mr. M. Ward, member of the school board, presided. Inspector Lobban and many representative townsmen addressed the assemblage.

GRENFELL.—Only the first part of the programme was carried out. A picnic on the show ground had to be abandoned owing to continuous rain. The children assembled in the Public school grounds, and marched to the Oddfellows' Hall, headed by the town band carrying flags and banners, the children from the convent school joining in as the procession passed their school. When the hall was reached addresses were delivered by Ald. John Taylor (Mayor), Mr. H. V. Wigg, and others. Songs by the pupils and refreshments brought the proceedings to a close. The hall was packed with parents and friends, and only for rain the Empire Day celebration would have attracted one of the largest gatherings in the district.

GOULBURN.—Empire Day was celebrated by the united Public schools. At Bourke-street school wet weather interfered somewhat with success. Inspector Flashman presided. Patriotic songs were sung by the children, and addresses delivered by the chairman, the Mayor, Bishop Barlow, and others. A united service was held in St. Saviour's Cathedral at night, the military, friendly societies, and other bodies participating.

GUNNEDAH.—At the Public school the children were addressed on the subject of the Empire by Alderman H. Hogarth (the Mayor), Mr. J. J. Smyth (secretary of the School Board), Rev. Cowden, J. Longmuir, and Mr. E. M. Hayes (head master of the school). Nearly all the children wore badges. At the conclusion of the addresses the children sang the National Anthem, and were then dismissed for the remainder of the day.

GUNNING.—Empire Day was celebrated by a gathering of the Public school children. Excellent speeches were given by Dr. Lovegrove, the Rev. T. F. Rudd, Messrs. Cook, Church of England catechist, E. E. Morgan, and A. E. Finch. The singing of patriotic songs by the children was followed by the hoisting of the Union Jack under the direction of Mr. P. Rocks (the master) and Miss Ebbs (assistant).

GUNDAGAI.—The Empire Day celebrations were marred by the rain [illegible] all day. Despite this drawback, 600 children [illegible] the district schools and about 200 adults were [illegible] in 'buses to the racecourse, where a picnic was [illegible] and races for the children were run off. The town band was in attendance, and the Union Jack was hoisted, also the Australian flag. Numbers of addresses were delivered, the main one being a stirring speech by Mr. D. Fraser, inspector of schools.

HILL END.—Empire Day was a great success, though the weather was inclement. The children of the various schools walked in procession to and from the park, where sports were held.

HILLGROVE.—Empire Day was celebrated at the Public school with patriotic songs, addresses, and the planting of English oak trees.

HOWLONG.—Empire Day was very wet. It was celebrated by the Public school children holding a concert in the Mechanics' Institute. Mr. Tonkin, the teacher, spoke on "The day we celebrate." Business places were closed.

INVERELL.—Owing to heavy rain the celebrations, which embraced a band contest and an English Fair, were postponed till Saturday. The visiting bands from Glen Innes, Emmaville, and Tingha were welcomed by the Mayor this morning at the Town Hall.

JUNEE.—Empire Day celebrations were considerably spoilt by the rain. The Superior Public and Convent schools were to have had a combined picnic, but the children had to be entertained indoors. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the Mayor, aldermen, and others. The town band was in attendance.

KEMPSEY.—Wet weather interfered with the Empire Day festivities, although every school in the district celebrated the event. There was a large gathering at the West Kempsey District School. The flag was hoisted and saluted. Patriotic speeches were delivered by the Mayor and Inspector Byrnes, Revs. H. Jobson, H. E. Andrews, and Mr. W. T. Dangar (chairman of the school board). The children sang patriotic songs. The same speakers, with the addition of Mr. John Gilfillan, attended the celebration at East Kempsey Public School. The celebrations at East Kempsey were successfully carried out. The Mayoress unfurled the flag, and the school children sang "The Empire Flag." The visitors then adjourned to the schoolroom, where patriotic speeches were given by the Mayor (Mr. Small), Mr. Inspector Byrnes, Revs. H. Andrews and Jobson, and Mr. Gilfillan. A short programme, including recitations, patriotic songs, and the maypole, was given by the pupils. The visitors and children partook of refreshments provided by parents and friends. Racing for prizes was postponed on account of the wet weather.

KATOOMBA.—Empire day was celebrated by the delivery of speeches in the Public school building to a great number of children who had gathered, notwithstanding that it was pouring rain all the time. Dr. J. Spark (chairman of the School Board) donated and presented a gold medal to Henry Medlicott as dux of the school, and Mr. F. Neale, head master, gave a special prize to Jack Berry, who was only seven marks behind for the year. Appropriate speeches were delivered by the Rev. R. O. Ball (Church of England), Rev. F. V. Pratt (Congregational minister), Dr. J. Spark (chairman of the School Board), Mr. J. R. Nash, Mr. F. Neale (head master), and Mr. W. J. Crawford (assistant). Mr. Crawford conducted the musical proceedings. The children adjourned to the Masonic Hall for a picnic, incessant rain prohibiting an outside outing. Mr. A. J. Bundy and Alderman R. J. Bronger presented Empire medals to the boys and girls.

KIAMA.—Empire Day celebrations were carried out under adverse weather conditions, but notwithstanding there was a long procession from the Kiama Superior Public School at 10.30 a.m., consisting of mounted police, a band, a drag containing the Mayor and townsmen, cadets, and children attending Kiama, Bombo, Dunmore, and convent schools, the destination being the showground. The flag was unfurled by Pilot Fraser. The public then assembled in the Agricultural Society's main pavilion, where Alderman R. O. Kendall, Mayor of Kiama, presided. Speeches were delivered by the Mayor, the Rev. T. V. Alkin (Anglican), the Rev. C. Stead (Methodist), and Mr. M. F. Morton, M.L.A. The Rev. M. P. Malone (Roman Catholic) sent an apology, in which he gave expression to sentiments appropriate of the demonstration. Children to the number of about 500 were regaled at noon. Afterwards a programme of sports was carried out by the youngsters as the weather permitted. The town wore a holiday appearance, with flags flying over many prominent buildings, and a splendid effect was produced at the pilot station, Blow Hole Point, where between 40 and 50 flags floated in the breeze. A similar demonstration took place at Jamberoo.

KIANDRA.—Empire Day was wet, but was celebrated by a picnic of the Public school children. Medals were presented to the school children, and distributed by Mrs. M'Innes. Patriotic speeches were delivered relating to the extent of the British Empire, the abolition of slavery, the self-denial shown by pioneers, and exploration. The National Anthem was sung, and cheers were given for the King.

KURRI KURRI.—Empire Day celebrations were greatly interfered with by rain. At Kurri Kurri school nearly 600 children assembled, sang patriotic songs, and listened to a stirring address by Rev. Thomas Davies, Methodist, on heroes and heroism, special reference being made to Australian statesmen, explorers, and journalists. The headmaster delivered an address on citizenship. The children had indoor games. Eighty children assembled at Abermain school, where the headmaster delivered an appropriate address. The Union Jack was unfurled by Mrs. Curry. Each child was given a prize, provided by subscriptions from the townspeople. At Weston school lunch was provided for 250 children. Indoor games were indulged in. Heddon Greta school was addressed by the Revs. J. A. Bole, Anglican, on "Duty," and T. Davies on "Heroes." During the singing of patriotic songs the Union Jack was unfurled by two pupils. The sports were postponed. Pelaw Main school celebrated the day with songs and addresses.

LAWSON.—Pouring rain greatly marred the Empire celebrations. The children assembled at the school at 10 o'clock and were addressed by the Rev. C. J. Cribb and others. The children then marched to the Mechanics' Institute, where refreshments were provided, and indoor games indulged in for the rest of the day. The sports were postponed till Saturday next, and the patriotic concert till Wednesday next.

LITHGOW.—Empire Day was celebrated in Lithgow. Addresses were delivered by the head teachers, then the flag was hoisted, and a feu-de-joie fired by the cadets, and cheers were given. Addresses were then delivered by Alderman Ireland, Mr. S. H. Gannan, and the Rev. J. E. Metcalfe. The children wore emblems and the teachers enamelled medals, which had been presented by the Parents and Citizens' Association.

MENANGLE.—The Empire Day picnic was abandoned owing to continuous rain. The children were entertained at the School of Arts. Adults also took part. Each child was presented with a celebration medal and other gifts purchased with funds raised by public subscriptions. Mr. Jones, State school teacher, had charge of all arrangements.

MORPETH.—Owing to rain the Empire Day celebrations had to be postponed.

MOLONG.—Empire Day was celebrated by a gathering at the Public school. The Union Jack was unfurled. Loyal songs were sung by the pupils, and addresses were delivered by the Revs. Canon Aldis, W. H. Marshall, and others. Rain fell incessantly all day, and the picnic projected had to be abandoned, the children being regaled in the schoolroom.

MOUNT VICTORIA.—Weather affected the festivities. Addresses were delivered in the morning in the Public school building to the pupils by the headmaster, Mr. J. M. Edmunds, B.A., also by the Rev. T. J. Heffernan. Recitations and action songs were given by the children. In the afternoon 200 children and townspeople assembled in Mount Victoria Hall, where refreshments were served, and children's dances and games were enjoyed. The outdoor sports have been postponed till Prince of Wales' Birthday. Gentle rain prevailed all day.

MOSS VALE.—Empire Day was celebrated in unfavourable conditions. It was raining heavily all day, and outdoor sports and decorations were impossible. Notwithstanding the rain, there was a fair attendance of residents at the Public school celebration. Dr. Stevenson, chairman of the School Board, presided. Among others present were Dr. Leighton Jones (Mayor of Moss Vale), the Revs. Mosley and Craig. The pupils rendered recitations and sang songs appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Gerald Campbell unfurled the flag. Mr. Gerald Campbell was to have given an address, but was unavoidably absent. His written address was read by the chairman. Opportunity was taken to adopt the rules of the Moss Vale Public School and Citizens' Association. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Campbell, the head master (Mr. Berman), and the chairman.

MUDGEE.—Rain interfered with the local Empire Day demonstrations arranged by the Mudgee, Burrundulla, and Lawson's Creek schools. In Mudgee the children were marched to the Mechanics' Institute, where, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. S. Reay (school inspector), patriotic songs were sung and recitations were given by the children, who were addressed by the Rev. F. J. Branch and Messrs. D. B. Acton and P. S. Garling. Mr. Reay presented to the Public school an enlarged photograph of the Cortese Cup, won by Sergeant Taylor, of Mudgee, at the cadet rifle contests. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

MUSWELLBROOK.—Rain began to fall at 8 a.m., and continued all day. The steady downpour had a most depressing effect upon Empire Day celebrations. The procession of school children and programme of sports were accordingly abandoned. However, a large number of children and adults assembled at the Show Ground. The flag was unfurled by Mr. F. J. Wilson, head teacher of the Superior Public school. The children were regaled in the Exhibition Building. A banquet was also held therein. Mr. Wilson presided, and announced that the Mayor was absent through illness in his family. "The Day we Celebrate" was proposed by Ald. Weidmann, supported by Ald. Clarke, and received with enthusiasm. The greatest praise is due to the ladies' committee, who braved the inclement weather, entertained the children, and supervised the banquet.

NARRANDERA.—Empire Day celebrations have been postponed until Wednesday, 30th inst, owing to continuous rain.

NARRABRI.—Empire celebrations were a record success. A children's monster picnic was prefaced by a celebration at the district school, where speeches by prominent townsmen and clergy were delivered. A procession of 700 children of the town and district, headed by a band, then marched to the Show Ground, where a splendid sports programme, containing 218 prizes, was carried out. The catering was supervised by the ladies.

NEWCASTLE.—The observance of Empire Day was marred by incessant rain, and therefore passed off very quiet in the city, there being no civic function. The school children, however, celebrated Empire Day. Every Public school in the city and district carried out a successful programme on the plan outlined by the Department of Public Instruction. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the physical drill and march pasts had to be omitted.

NORTH GUYRA.—Rain completely spoilt the celebrations. The school children held a gathering in the school room, where a patriotic address was delivered by the Rev. E. Merchant. It was decided to postpone the sports till June 20.

PORTLAND.—Empire Day was celebrated by a school picnic. In the morning the Rev. W. T. Stuart Wright and T. J. Murray, J.P., addressed the children at the school. The children sang patriotic songs, and the Union Jack was afterwards unfurled. The rifle club fired three rounds. The children sang "God Save the King," "Rule Britannia," and "Advance Australia." Three cheers were then given. The rain fell heavily during the proceedings. The sports were postponed till Saturday. Three hundred children were entertained with refreshments at noon in the school.

PEAK HILL.—Owing to the heavy rains the cycling carnival organised for Empire Day was postponed till Saturday next. Brook and Plunkett, Sydney riders, qualified for the final half-mile wheel race.

PENRITH.—Empire Day was celebrated by a private banquet on Wednesday night at the Federal Hotel. Speeches were of a loyal character. On Thursday morning the children assembled in the Public school, where they were addressed by the headmaster, Mr. Hall, M.L.A., Dr. Morris, the Mayor, and others. Afterwards flags at the Council-chambers and the school were run up simultaneously to the singing of the National Anthem and "Rule Britannia." Refreshments were served, and a programme of toasts honoured. The sports were postponed. At Emu Plains about 100 children attended school in the morning, but as rain fell heavily the sports will be held next Wednesday. Refreshments were served, and the children returned home. At Kingswood and Jamisontown the sports were also postponed.

PICTON.—Heavy rain fell all day, and the public picnic was held in the school. The Union Jack was unfurled, and patriotic speeches were delivered. 300 children were entertained. Most of the business places observed half-holiday.

QUEANBEYAN.—Empire Day was celebrated with a picnic and sports for the school children, which were preceded by patriotic speeches by Mr. Harler, headmaster, and the Revs. White, Reeves, and the Mayor. A procession, headed by the town band, proceeded to the Show Ground, where an excellent programme of sports had been arranged. Wet weather interfered with the proceedings.

RICHMOND.—On account of the inclement weather the sporting events and concert by the school children were postponed. About 300 children met in the School of Arts, where patriotic speeches were delivered. A competition among the children for the best impromptu speech on "Empire Day" was held, a large number competing. The Union Jack was saluted, the National Anthem sung, and dinner partaken of. Rain fell heavily all day.

ST. MARYS.—Owing to inclement weather the greater part of the Empire Day celebrations were postponed till Saturday. The children were entertained in the Protestant Hall and provided with refreshments.

TAMWORTH.—The Empire Day celebrations here were spoilt by the rain, the sports arranged to be held on the oval having to be abandoned. The school children assembled at the Alhambra Hall at 10 o'clock, when patriotic songs were sung and an appropriate address given by Mr. E. Lonsdale, M.P., Mr. R. H. Levien, M.L.A., Alderman W. F. Tribe, Mayor of Tamworth, Rev. J. B. Rentoul, and the Rev. B. Dinning. Subsequently, refreshments were served to the children, who then dispersed. A patriotic concert will be held at the Oddfellows' Hall to-night.

TAREE.—Empire Day was celebrated by the pupils of the Taree district school in a most enthusiastic manner. When the Union Jack was unfurled, they sang "God Save the King," and afterwards "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Three cheers were given for the King, and others for the Empire. Subsequently, at a gathering over which Mr. Charles Boyce, chairman of the School Board, presided, patriotic speeches were delivered by Messrs. C. Boyce, A. W. Wynter, J. Delves, J. Winney, and Rev. G. C. Hynes and others. A programme of patriotic songs and recitations was carried out. The children and visitors were then entertained at luncheon in the school-room. The inclemency of the weather prevented the proposed sports from taking place.

TENTERFIELD.—Owing to wet weather the programme of sports arranged for the school children in honour of Empire Day were postponed till Saturday, but the children were regaled in the school house. The rain was badly needed.

TUMBERUMBA.—Empire Day was celebrated here by a monster picnic in the Public school grounds. Rain marred the proceedings. In response to an invitation from the head teacher of the Public school, the Convent school children also participated. In opening Mr. Carmody briefly explained the object of the gathering. The Rev. Wm. Gardner hoisted the Union Jack, amidst prolonged cheering, and delivered a suitable address. The patriotic song, "The Empire Flag," was rendered by the pupils, and the Rev. A. J. Carter also addressed the children.

TRANGIE.—Empire Day was celebrated in the morning, with addresses delivered in the local Public school by clergymen, after which the children sang patriotic songs and recited patriotic poems. Owing to rain the Union Jack was unfurled in the school. The children were afterwards entertained. Sports intended for the children had to be postponed.

URALLA.—For Empire Day the weather was rainy. All the schools held a combined picnic on the Show Ground.

UNANDERRA.—Empire Day was successfully celebrated at the local Public school, in spite of unfavourable weather. Addresses, songs, and recitations, occupied the morning. A picnic for the children and races were held in the afternoon. Every child received a prize.

WALGETT.—The only visible significance attaching to Empire Day here was a display of bunting. Outdoor pastimes were rendered impossible on account of steady rain.

WALLERAWANG.—Empire Day was celebrated at Wallerawang and Lidsdale Public schools. Addresses were delivered by local townsmen and by the head teachers. Owing to the inclement state of the weather, all outdoor sports were postponed.

WOLLONGONG.—Empire Day was recognised in this town by a plentiful display of bunting on all the public buildings. The event was celebrated in the boys' department of the Wollongong district school, which was crowded with pupils and visitors. The Mayor (Mr. J. A. Beatson) presided, and delivered an address, followed by Aldermen W. J. Wiseman and S. Brown, the Revs. G. Darcy Irvine, D. McKay, Barnet, T. B. Holmes, and R. H. Reynolds, all of whom impressed upon the pupils the necessity of preparation in their youthful days to take part in the future affairs of the great Empire of which Australasia forms part. The pupils rendered a number of patriotic songs. During the proceedings medals commemorative of the event, provided by the members of the borough council, were presented to each pupil. Mr. W. V. Brown, headmaster, thanked the aldermen for the donation of medals, and expressed a hope that on future occasions the day would be celebrated on a still larger scale. The proceedings were concluded by singing the National Anthem, and cheers for the King. The aldermanic party subsequently visited St. Mary's Convent School, where they were met by the Rev. Father Chatelet and the Rev. Mother Baptiste, the former expressing pleasure at the visit. The pupils sang a song of welcome, and also rendered several patriotic songs and the National Anthem. The Mayor and aldermen addressed the pupils on patriotism, urging them to be true in all things, and to observe the teachings of the good sisters, remembering that religion was the foundation of all true patriotism. Medals were distributed to the pupils, and the visitors were afterwards entertained by the Rev. Mother Baptiste. A visit was also made by the municipal party at Keiraville Public School, where Mr. F. J. Gallagher, headmaster, addressed the pupils, pointing out to them the great privilege they enjoyed in living in a portion of the great British Empire, and urging upon them to prove themselves worthy citizens. Patriotic songs were rendered by the pupils, who were also presented with medals. The function terminated with cheers for the King and the Empire.

WEST MAITLAND.—Great preparations were made for the celebration of Empire Day. It was proclaimed a public holiday. The town was gaily decorated with flags. 2000 Public school children were to take part in a grand united patriotic demonstration at the Town Hall, with sports on Albion Ground, while the citizen committee had arranged a sports programme to take place on the park, but it rained steadily all day, and both gatherings had to be abandoned. The children attending the various schools, however, assembled; the Union Jack was hoisted, patriotic songs were sung, and addresses delivered. It is intended to carry out the sports at a future date.

WYONG.—The rain interfered with the Empire celebrations, the sports part of the programme being postponed. Mr. Filshie, headmaster of the Public school, arranged for a large gathering in the school, where patriotic speeches were delivered by Messrs. Chapman, H. Sparks, A. H. Warner, and Filshie. Patriotic songs were also sung. Miss Ivy Filshie and Master Leslie Boggs secured gold medals for the best girl and boy for the 12 months. Mrs. A. H. Warner donated and presented the medals.

YASS.—Steady, light rain fell all day. Flags were flown from all business places and Government buildings. St. Clement's peal of bells were rung to-night in honour of Empire Day.

In consequence of wet weather, celebrations in connection with Empire Day were postponed at the following places:—Parkes, Forster, Rylstone, Rydal, West Wyalong, Casino, Robertson, Camden, Inverell, Deniliquin, Ulmarra, Goodooga, and Lismore.

IN THE OTHER STATES.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The celebration of Empire Day to-day was interfered with by rain, which has been falling all day, almost without cessation. The Governor held a levee this afternoon. There was a cadet review, but this was interfered with by the weather. His Excellency vis-

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ited several State schools during the day, and delivered addresses to the children. The city and suburbs were bedecked with flags.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Demonstrations in connection with Empire Day to-day were a pronounced success. The city schools assembled at the Queen's Statue and marched to the Exhibition Building, where patriotic addresses were delivered with much enthusiasm. The Premier (Mr. Price) and the Minister for Education were among the speakers. At suburban and State schools and in most of the colleges and secondary educational establishments addresses were delivered, flags displayed, and a half-holiday granted.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

Empire Day was celebrated at all State schools throughout the island, patriotic sentiments being instilled in the minds of young Tasmanians.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

Empire Day was celebrated in all the schools throughout the State, lectures on leading matters in the history of the Empire being delivered to the children. This afternoon the Governor, Sir Frederick Bedford, reviewed a large number of cadets on the Esplanade at Perth.

AT NORFOLK ISLAND.

NORFOLK ISLAND, Thursday.

Empire Day was observed here as a public holiday. The Chief Magistrate entertained all the inhabitants at a garden party in Government House grounds.

RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

To celebrate Empire Day, and in honour of Rear-Admiral Shimamura and the captains and officers of the Japanese training squadron, their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote held an official reception at Government House last night, which not only proved a brilliant function, but an enjoyable entertainment. The grounds of Government House were to have been brilliantly illuminated, had the weather proved fine, and the scene would have been fairy-like, but the fates willed otherwise, and the gracious rain, which is of such immense value to the land, prevented the illuminations being seen to the best advantage. Those invited to Government House could, however, obtain a view of the ships anchored in Farm Cove as they drove down the long avenue, and which made a brilliant display. The porch entrance to Government House was outlined with electric lights, so that a warm welcome seemed to await one out of the dreary rain and darkness. Inside the vice-regal residence everything was bright and gay. Much care and attention had been bestowed on the floral decorations, which were extremely beautiful, the massing and arranging of the autumn leaves round the tall mirror in the large drawing-room calling forth much admiration, as did the delicate lattice-like festooning with roses and greenery of the band gallery. Roses and chrysanthemums vied with other in beautiful groupings, and the effect was charming, with here and there tall palms and pot plant.

The guests were invited for 9.30 p.m., and shortly before 10 o'clock their Excellencies entered the drawing-room as Mr. de Groen's band played the National Anthem. The vice-regal procession was led by the members of his Excellency's staff, and included their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote, the State Governor and Miss Rawson, Rear-Admiral Sir Wilmot Fawkes and Lady Fawkes, Sir George Le Hunte and Lady Le Hunte, Sir Frederick and Lady Darley, Miss Darley, Miss Drummond, the Hon. Miss Plunket and the Misses Clowes, and the members of their Excellencies' staffs. After passing through both rooms the vice-regal party took up their positions on the dais beneath the band gallery, and then each guest was presented personally to their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote by Mr. H. H. Share, R.N., his Excellency Rear-Admiral Shimamura and his officers being first honoured. After the presentations Lord and Lady Northcote left the dais and mixed amongst the guests, chatting first to one acquaintance and then another. Refreshments were served in the vestibule, and the supper-room was thrown open about a quarter to 11 o'clock, the tables being effectively decorated with chrysanthemums, and arranged in tall vases. All the naval and military men were in uniform, and those who were entitled to wear the Windsor uniform did so, and the gathering was particularly gay and brilliant. His Excellency the Governor-General was in full dress Windsor uniform, and her Excellency Lady Northcote wore a handsome dress of palest eau-de-nil satin, embroidered with mother-o'-pearl sequins, with here and there a lovely pale pink rose on the skirt and corsage, the toilette being completed by a magnificent tiara, and set of diamonds and peridots. His Excellency the State Governor wore his red sash, being the Order of the Bath, with his uniform; and Miss Rawson was in black. His Excellency the Admiral's green sash ribbon showed his K.C.V. Order. Lady Fawkes was in black. Sir George Le Hunte wore Windsor uniform; and Lady Le Hunte had a white satin covered with heavily-sequined silver net. Lady Darley wore pale pink with cream lace and diamond ornaments. Miss Drummond was in white; and the Hon. Kathleen Plunket wore white silk with dark grey passementerie trimming on the bodice. Miss Darley's black dress was trimmed with silver sequins. Lady Barton was in black with lace bertha, and Miss Barton wore white. Lady Lewis (Tas.) was in turquoise blue satin, embroidered with silver. Lady MacEacharn was in black sequined net and diamond ornaments. The Lady Mayoress wore pale blue veiled in white net, embroidered with silver sequins. Mrs. Iwasaki was in white brocaded crepe-de-chine, with a cluster of small white feathers and a spray in her hair. Mrs. Halsey was also in white, her dress being handsomely embroidered. Mrs. Stokes Rees wore pale blue, veiled with cream lace. Mrs. Eveleigh was in white. Mrs. Finn wore striped black and white; and Miss Finn was in white. Madame Pinard wore palest green chiffon and lace. Mrs. O. Watt was in flame-coloured taffeta. Mrs. Macnell wore pale grey tulle and silver sequins. Mrs. Gordon was in white and gold. Mrs. Gould wore wine-coloured velvet and a lace bertha; and Miss Gladys Gould was in white. Mrs. H. Owen chose palest grey chiffon over pale blue; and her daughter was in white. Miss Madge Sutor wore pale blue. Miss Greta Robinson, white. Miss Vera Moore, white. Miss E. P. Walker, white satin with lace and net frills, and turquoise ornaments. Mrs. T. Kelly, tomato red. Mrs. H. Marks, black velvet. Mrs. Hayes, pale grey. Mrs. Harrison Smith, white. Mrs. Burdekin, sapphire blue and diamond ornaments. Miss Dibbs, white. Mrs. Weigall, black with handsome lace bertha. Captain Kerr-Pearce, Lieutenant Brooke, R.N., and Mr. H. H. Share were in attendance, and were assiduous in their attentions to all. About 600 guests were invited, amongst whom were:—

FEDERAL MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.—Sir William and Miss Lyne, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ewing, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Sydney Smith, Mr. and Miss Dugald Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hughes.

STATE MINISTERS.—Mr., Mrs., and Miss J. H. Carruthers, Mr., Mrs., and Miss J. A. Hogue, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashton, Mr., Mrs., and Miss C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. O'Conor, Mr., Mrs., and Miss S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dick, Mr. J. Brunker.

POLITICIANS AND CIVIL SERVICE.—Sir F., Lady, and the Misses Suttor, Mr. and Mrs. W. Trickett, Mr. J. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. W. M'Court, Mr. G. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barling, Mr. F., Mrs., and Miss Neitenstein, Mr. E. H. and Miss Von Arnheim, Mr. J. M., Mrs., and Miss Gibson, Mr. T., Mrs., and Miss Garvin, Dr. J. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. J. Davis, Mr. C., Mrs., and Miss Oliver, Mr. D. and Mrs. Kirkcaldie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Felton, Mr. E., Mrs., and Miss Pittman.

NAVY.—The Admiral and Lady Fawkes, the Flag-Lieutenant, Flag-Captain and Mrs. Halsey, Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. G. A. Miller, Commander and Mrs. Woollcombe, Fleet-Surgeon and Mrs. Broatch, Engineer-Commander and Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Gaunt, Commander and Mrs. Armstrong, Engineer-Captain and Mrs. Bramsden, Captain and Mrs. Stokes Rees, Staff-Paymaster and Mrs. Hinshelwood, Major and Mrs. Eveleigh, Lieutenant H. C. and Mrs. Atkinson, Surgeon and Mrs. Worthington, Surgeon and Mrs. Bobart, Lieutenant and Mrs. Jefferson, Lieutenant and Mrs. Braithwaite, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Brownlow.

ARMY.—General, Mrs., and Miss Finn, Colonel Stanley, Colonel J., Mrs., and Miss Lee, Colonel, Mrs., and Miss Roth, Colonel and Miss Lyster, Colonel Holmes, officers of the 1st A.L.I. Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Mallarky, Lieutenant-Colonel G. R. and Mrs. Campbell, Colonel G. W. and Mrs. Waddell, Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Michaelis, Colonel Bellheim, Colonel Patterson.

LAW.—Sir Samuel, Lady, and the Misses Griffith, Sir Edmund, Lady, and Miss Barton, Mr. Justice O'Connor, Sir F., Lady, and Miss Darley, Mr. H. Darley, Mr. Justice Owen, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Justice, Mrs., and Miss Pring, Judge Rogers, Mrs. and Miss Rogers, Judge Docker and Mrs. and Miss Docker, Judge Murray and Mrs. and Miss Murray, Judge Backhouse, and Mrs. and Miss Backhouse, Judge Fitzhardinge, and Mrs. and Miss Fitzhardinge, Mr. J. L. Williams, Mr. H. Pollock.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND UNIVERSITY.—The Vicar-General and Mrs. and Miss Gunther, Cardinal Moran, Archbishop Kelly, Rev. Monsignor O'Haran, Rev. Father Flemming, Rev. Monsignor O'Brien, Right Rev. the Moderator Kemp Bruce and Mrs. Bruce, Rev. Dr. Sellors and Mrs. Sellors, Rev. John Walker, Rev. Alex. M'Kinlay, Canon Sharp and Mrs. Hey Sharp, Canon Boyce and Mrs. Boyce, Rev. P. J. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson, Sir Arthur, Lady, and Miss Renwick, Professor, Mrs., and Miss David, Professor, Mrs., and Miss MacCallum, Professor and Mrs. Anderson Stuart, Professor H. S. Carslaw, Professor Liversidge, Professor and Mrs. Welsh, Professor and Miss Pollock, Professor W. H. Warren, Professor and Mrs. J. T. Wilson.

CONSULAR.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. and Miss Tillock, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dun, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Panss, Monsieur and Mme. Pinard, Captain and Mrs. F. Walsh, Dr. and Mrs. Marano, Mr. and Mrs. K. Iwasaki, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Chenhall, Mr. and Mrs. E. Resch, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Royle, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. P. Clarke, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Frechill, E. P. Nassour Bey, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Falk, Mr. V. R. Goecke.

GENERAL.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the town clerk, Mr. David Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. K. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alison.

Mr. and Mrs. A. and Miss Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. P. and Miss Bedford, Mr., and the Misses Bloomfield, Mrs. and Miss Burdekin, Mr. Harry Brown, Colonel and the Misses Burns, Mr. E. C. V. Broughton, M.L.A.

Mr. W. and Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. and Miss Cape, Mr. and Mrs. J. Randal Carey, Dr. and Mrs. W. Chisholm, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Chisholm, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Cox.

Mr. Henry, Mrs., and the Misses Dangar, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Dangar, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Dangar, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. and the Misses Dangar, Mr. L. A. Dangar, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. and the Misses Dibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Dibbs, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Donkin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Miss Donkin, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Docker, Mr. and Mrs. Deas-Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dixson.

Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Currie Elles.

Sir James, Lady, and Miss Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fairfax, Dr. and Mrs. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, Dr. and Mrs. Ewan Frazer, Mr. H. M. and the Misses Faithfull, Dr. and Mrs. Fiaschi, Hon. E. and Mrs. and Miss Fosbery, Mrs. and the Misses Russell French.

Senator, Mrs., and Miss Gould, Sir James and Lady Graham, Mr. E. P. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. and the Misses Griffiths.

Sir Matthew and Lady Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hay, Mrs. David and the Misses Hay, Dr. G. and Mrs. Hay, Mr. John Hay, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hickson, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes, Miss Margaret Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Jacques, Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Johnson, Sir Philip Sydney and the Misses Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kelly, Mr. Kelso King, Mr. and Mrs. Gidley and the Misses King, Mr. and Mrs. Edward and the Misses Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Miss Knox, the Misses Knox, Mr. G. H. Knibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Laidley, Mr. E. W. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lassetter, Hon. G. and the Misses Lee, Mrs. and Miss Le Patourel.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Marks, Mr. Theo., Mrs., and Miss Marks, Colonel K. and Mrs. Mackay, Mr. E., Mrs., and Miss Mackay and Miss Medhurst, Lady and Miss Manning, Sir W. P., Lady, and Miss Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Merivale, Mr. G. Miller, Mr. W. E., Mrs., and the Misses Mort, Mr. Laidley, Mrs., and the Misses Mort, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Morton, Dr., Mrs., and Miss Mackellar, Mr. Hugh, Mrs., and Miss Macneil, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Mordaunt Clarke, Captain, Mrs., and Mr. C. Moseley, the Baroness and Baron Alex. Miklouho Maclay, Mr. J. W. Manson, Mr. F. H., Mrs., and Miss Moore, Mr. S. M., Mrs., and the Misses Mowle.

Mr., Mrs., and Miss M'Phillamy, Sir William, Lady, and Miss M'Millan, Sir Samuel M'Caughey, Dr. and Mrs. M'Cormick, Mrs. and Miss Macarthur Onslow, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Onslow, Major Onslow Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Langer Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Osborne, Mr. H. P., Mrs., and Miss Owen.

Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Paul, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Partridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich, Mr. Augustus and Miss Robinson.

Hon. Sir John and the Misses See, Dr. A. Scheidel, Mr. E. P., Mrs., and Miss Simpson, Mr. Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Stephen, Mr. E. Milner and the Misses Stephen, Mr. Noel Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Consett Stephen, Miss Consett Stephen, Mr. Cecil, Mrs., and the Misses Stephen, Mr. N. F. and Mr. H. M. Stephen, Mr. L. Stephen, Mr. N. C. Stephen, Dr. E. H. M. Stephen, and Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P.

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Teece, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trelawny, Mr. and Mrs. G. Turnbull.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Vernon, Herr Paul and Frau von Buri.

Senator J. T. and Mrs. Walker and Miss Walker, Captain and Mrs. Watt, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Weigall, Lady and Miss Windeyer, Mr. F. and Mrs. and Miss Wentworth.

CASUALTIES.

RUN OVER BY A CAB.

STRONG REMARKS BY THE CORONER.

An inquest was held by the City Coroner yesterday on the body of Michael Hackett, who was run over by a cab at the intersection of Dowling and Flinders streets on Saturday. Mr. Barnett, who recorded a finding of accidental death, said he was of opinion that the cabman was driving at a pace above that allowed by the regulations, and by driving in that manner he was probably responsible to some extent for the old man's death. It was very difficult, however, to secure a conviction. People in charge of vehicles should not be allowed to drive along Oxford-street on race days at 10 miles per hour.

A SEAMAN WOUNDED.

Early yesterday morning Charles Johnson, a seaman (35), was admitted to the Sydney Hospital in a serious condition, suffering from lacerated wounds in the head. He is a member of the crew of the ketch Wave, and it is alleged, had an altercation with the cook, being found subsequently lying in the forecastle bleeding profusely from several wounds. He was conveyed to the hospital by the Australian Ambulance Brigade. On the way to the institution the injured man stated that he had been hit on the head with a bottle. The No. 1 police have arrested a man on a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm.

SUPPOSED DROWNING ACCIDENT.

RAYMOND TERRACE, Thursday.

A young man named George Whitely is supposed to have been drowned at Glen Oak Wharf this afternoon. His horse and cart were found unattended at the wharf with the cream cans. His hat was found floating in the river, while his two dogs were standing on the wharf looking into the river. The captain of the cream boat, which called for cream at the wharf, could find no trace of him, and related the occurrence to the police on arrival at Raymond Terrace.

KILLED BY A STONE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Mr. Samuel M. Jackson, foreman of the workshop at South mine, was killed to-day. Mr. Jackson and another foreman, Mr. Phillips, were engaged in the boiler shop while blasting was proceeding near by. After an explosion a stone fell on and through the roof of the shop, hitting Mr. Jackson on the head. He was rendered unconscious, and was removed to the hospital. He never regained consciousness, and died late this afternoon. He was 40 years of age, and leaves a widow and family. He was one of the most esteemed officers in the company's employ.

A MINER INJURED.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Thos. Sheehan, a miner, employed on the British mine, was working at Howell's 600ft level, when rock fell from back of the stope and broke his arm and leg.

SEAMAN FATALLY INJURED.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

While assisting the second mate to remove the hatches on board the steamer Barrier this morning, a seaman named David Hinds lost his balance and fell down the hold, a distance of 27ft. He sustained very severe injuries, and was at once removed to the hospital, where he died about midday.

PORTLAND, Thursday.

The man George Campbell, who was seriously injured on Saturday morning last by being run over by three trucks of limestone, died in the Lithgow Hospital on Sunday morning, after having had one of his legs amputated. The district coroner, Mr. W. Beard, held an inquest here on Monday into the cause of the man's death. The coroner found that Campbell met his death from injuries accidentally received while engaged in shunting operations at the cement works.

NUNDORA TRAGEDY.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Campbell, the author of the Nundora tragedy, died at Tarrowangee last night. His body was brought to Broken Hill, where an inquest will be held to-morrow morning.

Later.

Mr. James, overseer of Nundora Station, and his wife, arrived in Broken Hill to-night by train. Both were taken at once to the hospital. They are in a very weak condition. Campbell's body was also brought in, and was taken to the morgue.

SUPPOSED MURDER BY AN ABORIGINAL.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Thursday.

An aboriginal named Jimmy was arrested last evening on suspicion of having murdered Nellie, a gin belonging to another native named Bob, at Kurrawong, a fortnight ago. The arrest was effected because the mother of Nellie had stated that "Jimmy stab Nellie longa knife." The natives with whom deceased was wandering about the district buried the body, but said nothing of the occurrence until they informed the husband, Bob, upon his return to Norseman on Monday.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.

This evening a number of the clergy of Sydney and suburbs will witness the performance of "The Prodigal Son" at the invitation of Mr. Bland Holt. Hall Caine's drama of sin, with its consequent train of sorrow and ultimate repentance, carries a moral with it, and more especially so in this beautifully staged production. Herein the Drury Lane version has been rejected in favour of the author's own closing tableau, which shows the hero wandering forth into the world again in retributive self-sacrifice.

PALACE THEATRE.

"Nell Gwynne" will be performed with all its charming music and romantic sentiment for the last time to-night by Mr. Philip Lytton's "Players" at the Palace Theatre, as to-morrow Mr. Allan Hamilton's new English society entertainers open their season.

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GENERAL RAINS.

MANY COPIOUS DOWNPOURS.

OVER FIVE INCHES AT PLACES.

FURTHER HEAVY FALLS LIKELY.

Yesterday the rainstorm extended throughout the length and breadth of the State, and splendid falls were received over the western wheat country. In many places exceptionally heavy downpours occurred, and according to the latest data in the possession of the Meteorological Department they are likely to be supplemented by more liberal rains. In the city yesterday rain fell almost incessantly during the afternoon and night, nearly 1¼in being recorded by the Observatory gauge up to 9 p.m. Useful falls have also taken place over the catchment area, and a progress report received yesterday by the Water and Sewerage Board, stated that the rate of inflow at Prospect Reservoir had reached 32,000,000 gallons per day.

In the far north-west Wanaaring registered 228 points, and Hungerford 121 points, while on the River Darling 155 points at Tilpa, 145 at Louth, and 89 at Bourke were the best totals. The heaviest falls between the Darling on the one side, and the Bogan and Lachlan on the other, were 210 points each at Mossgiel and Booligal, 146 at Mount Hope, 145 at Nymagee, 116 at Ivanhoe, and 100 points at Cobar. This last total, added to the falls of the previous two days, will relieve much anxiety in that important mining town.

In Riverina the falls were heavy in the western parts. Hay had 178 points, Moulamein 170, and Deniliquin 136 points. On the central-western plains Girilambone received 135 points, Nyngan 75, and Quambone 59, and the remaining quantities ranged from 16 to 50 points. Over the north-western plains the totals were moderate, but uniform. The smallest was 36 points at Pilliga, and the greatest was 49 points at Mogil Mogil. On the north-western slopes the measurements varied from 160 points at Yetman in the north to 12 points at Quirindi in the south.

On the central-western slopes, Parkes and Coonabarabran each had 50 points, and Forbes 30; but Dubbo only benefited to the extent of 4 points. Over the central tablelands moderate to heavy amounts fell on the Blue Mountains, but in other parts the totals were small. On the northern tablelands the finest falls were 193 points at Tabulam, 127 at Inverell, and 77 at Bundarra.

The great total of 544 points was measured at Mullumbimby, at Tweed Heads—the heaviest downpour in the State. Of the other centres on the north coast, Lismore received 202 points, Grafton 153, Nambucca 140, and Clarence 122. Light but penetrating rains have fallen over the remainder of the coastal areas, while in the Manning River district 125 points at Taree, 85 at Kempsey, 98 at Harrington were the best falls.

The rain registrations for New South Wales for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. were as follow:—

	Points.		Points.
Araluen	30	Lawson	76
Albury	3	Louth	145
Armidale	17	Lismore	202
Balranald	103	Maitland	16
Barmedman	23	Manning Heads	98
Bathurst	18	Marsdens	37
Bega	23	Menindie	3
Bingara	60	Mogil	49
Bodalla	44	Molong	14
Bourke	89	Moree	42
Bowral	55	Moruya Heads	47
Braidwood	10	Moss Vale	22
Brewarrina	3	Mount Hope	146
Bundarra	77	Mount Victoria	46
Barraba	56	Mudgee	72
Barringun	28	Mungindi	39
Bateman's Bay	22	Murrumburrah	5
Bendemeer	52	Murrurundi	15
Blackheath	45	Muswellbrook	8
Blackville	13	Manilla	30
Blayney	13	Merriwa	4
Boggabilla	122	Mossgiel	210
Boggabri	40	Moulamein	170
Booligal	210	Narrowmine	16
Bundella	20	Nambucca	140
Bungendore	4	Nowra	20
Burrowa	2	Nundle	18
Camden Haven	36	Nyngan	75
Cape St. George	12	Narrabri	56
Carcoar	5	Narrandera	23
Carrinda	30	Newcastle	30
Cassilis	15	Nymagee	145
Clarence	122	Picton	25
Cobar	100	Orange	14
Collarenebri	46	Pilliga	36
Condobolin	47	Port Macquarie	37
Coolah	16	Pambula	25
Coolamon	18	Parkes	50
Camden	24	Parramatta	14
Cannonbar	50	Pooncarrie	22
Cape Hawke	23	Port Stephens	30
Corowa	6	Quambone	59
Crookhaven	5	Quirindi	12
Cooma	1	Rockley	8
Coonabarabran	50	Raymond Terrace	20
Coonamble	50	Seal Rocks	30
Cootamundra	4	Springwood	66
Cowra	12	Scone	12
Cudgellico	66	Singleton	7
Deniliquin	136	Sydney	80
Dubbo	4	Tabulam	193
Dandaloo	30	Tamworth	75
Eengonia	75	Taree	125
Euabalong	65	Tenterfield	40
Emmaville	20	Taralga	10
Eden	17	Tibooburra	37
Euston	96	Tilpa	155
Forbes	30	Tocumwal	87
Gabo Island	10	Trangie	27
Glen Innes	22	Ulladulla	30
Goulburn	4	Ungarie	47
Grafton	153	Uralla	24
Grenfell	22	Urana	38
Gulgong	21	Wagga Wagga	4
Gunnedah	30	Walcha	47
Gilgandra	17	Warialda	56
Girilambone	135	Wellington	14
Goodooga	30	Wentworth	38
Green Cape	5	White Cliffs	6
Hungerford	121	Wilcannia	43
Hay	178	Wollongong	7
Henty	14	Wyalong	43
Hill End	19	Wanaaring	228
Hillston	101	Warren	50
Inverell	127	Wee Waa	46
Ivanhoe	116	Warris Creek	41
Jerilderie	96	Windsor	20
Jerry's Plains	10	Woolgoolga	49
Katoomba	101	Whitton	70
Kempsey	85	Yetman	160
Kiama	20	Young	5
Kurrajong	62		

It was raining at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Albury, Armidale, Ballina, Byron Bay, Barranjoey, Bega, Bellambi, Bathurst, Bundarra, Boggabilla, Braidwood, Blackheath, Clarence Heads, Camden Haven Heads, Condobolin, Carcoar, Coolah, Coonabarabran, Cape Hawke, Dubbo, Deniliquin, Eden, Forbes, Gabo Island, Grafton, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Gundagai, Grenfell, Hay, Hill End, Junee, Katoomba, Kiama, Kiandra, Lawson, Lake Macquarie Heads, Muswellbrook, Murrurundi, Maitland, Manning Heads, Moruya Heads, Mount Victoria, Newcastle, Nimitybelle, Orange, Parkes, Port Macquarie, Port Stephens, Queanbeyan, Singleton, Seal Rocks, South Head, Sydney, Springwood, Tamworth, Ulladulla, Urana, Ungarie, Walgett, Windsor, Wollongong, Warren, Wagga, Wyalong, Yass, and Young.

The additional falls registered up to 9 o'clock last night were:—

	Points.		Points.
Albury	73	Hay	50
Bowral	120	Hillston	26
Cape St. George	4	Kiandra	24
Cooma	3	Lawson	224
Coonabarabran	9	Mt. Victoria	35
Cowra	84	Newcastle	90
Casino	202	Sydney	120
Dubbo	28	Scone	46
Deniliquin	50	Trangie	46
Dandaloo	31	Tocumwal	56
Forbes	37	Wagga	115
Grenfell	50	Walgett	61
Goulburn	32	Wollongong	21

Mr. Hunt says that remarkable atmospheric changes have taken place, but for what ultimate result is not at present defined. Meanwhile the rain is expected to continue over the central and eastern districts, with E to N winds and fine weather in the far west, with southerly winds.

BARRABA.—Light, steady rain has fallen since midnight on Wednesday, half an inch being recorded to 6 p.m. on Thursday.

BARMEDMAN.—120 points of rain have fallen.

BATHURST.—Thirty-one points of rain fell up to noon yesterday. This will prove acceptable to the farmers, who have been busy getting in crops. Grass for grazing purposes has been getting short, but if frost keeps off for a few days feed will again become plentiful, as the ground is warm.

BEGA.—Beneficial rain was falling last night.

BERRIGAN.—Steady rain has been falling for the past two days, over 2 inches being recorded. The season is the most favourable known for many years, and large areas are being put under cultivation. Grass is prolific on all sides, and values of stock have rapidly increased.

BELLINGEN.—Steady rain set in on Tuesday, and up to Thursday morning 162 points had fallen. The river here and at the crossing to the Dorrigo is uncrossable, completely isolating the Dorrigo settlers, who depend on Bellingen for shipping their produce, treating their cream, and medical aid. A bridge is very urgently needed.

BLAYNEY.—Rain started to fall on Thursday morning. It was badly required, and will benefit the country exceedingly.

BOURKE.—Steady rain continued to fall during the greater part of Wednesday night, 88 points being registered on Thursday morning. The total since the commencement is 191 points. According to reports received the fall was much heavier in other parts of the district. Although coming a little late in the season for the grass, good winter herbage is sure to result. Other places report:—Louth 145 points, Tilpa 155, Yantabulla 153, Ford's Bridge 100, Barringun 28, Hungerford 121, Eengonia 75, Dry Lake 77, Grass Hut 76, Pera 91, Wanaaring 228, Gongolgon 60, Goodooga 30, Brewarrina 45, Wilcannia 43.

BULAHDELAH.—Showery weather prevails here; 170 points have been recorded here since Wednesday morning.

CAMPBELLTOWN.—Empire Day was observed here. The business places closed for the afternoon. The Public school children were taken to the show ground, but the sports programme had to be abandoned on account of the rain. The day was spent under cover. The Primary school children were entertained in the school grounds. It has been raining all day (Thursday), the fall during the afternoon being particularly heavy. It is the best downpour for some months.

CAMDEN.—61 points of rain fell on Thursday, making a total of 186. It will benefit the district very much.

CASINO.—Four inches of rain have fallen within the last 24 hours.

CONDOBOLIN.—100 points of rain fell up to 8 o'clock on Thursday evening.

COBAR.—Splendid rain continued throughout Wednesday. The town registered 100 points, and the new reservoir 108. The water is now 6ft high. The Occidental goldmine, the Great Western goldmine, the Cobar goldmine, the Great Peak goldmine, the Cobar Chesney mine, and Great Cobar copper-mine dams are all full. The new dam of the Queen Bee copper-mine is full. In the new dam of the C.S.A. just completed there is about 12ft of water. In this dam 57ft of excavation cost £400. When the dam is full the water will last for years. There is water enough now at the present rate of consumption to last for over two years without any more rain.

DENILIQUIN.—Splendid rain, totalling over 3 inches, has fallen. It will give a great impetus to the farming industry. The rain has been general.

FORBES.—After a dry spell, copious showers fell from Tuesday until yesterday afternoon, when there was every prospect of a continuance. Landowners are jubilant.

FORSTER.—Heavy showers prevail, with easterly weather. The steamer Tuncurry is weatherbound.

GOSFORD.—Since Monday last 220 points of rain have been registered.

GOODOOGA.—Thirty points of rain fell on Wednesday night. Rain is still falling lightly at Dunble. Forty-five points were registered at Wellmoringle.

GOONDIWINDI (Q.).—Light rain fell on Wednesday, becoming heavier during the night, 180 points being registered to Thursday morning.

GULGONG.—Showers fell on Wednesday night and Thursday morning, the rain coming from the eastward. Twenty-one points had been registered till 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. It is still raining, and there is an appearance of continuance.

INVERELL.—Splendid rain has fallen throughout the district, 165 points being registered. Farming operations, which in some cases were at a standstill, can now be completed for this season's sowing.

KURRI KURRI.—91 additional points of rain were recorded up to 9 a.m. on Thursday.

LAWSON.—Steady rain still continues, nearly four inches registered since Monday night.

LITHGOW.—During the past three days the weather has been damp and misty. The rainfall registered up to 9 o'clock on Thursday morning was 91 points. Rain is falling steadily, and there is every prospect of a continuance. The rain was badly needed.

LISMORE.—The rainfall amounts to 440 points. The river has risen 14ft.

MORPETH.—Up to Thursday afternoon 250 points of rain were registered.

MOREE.—Good showers fell on Wednesday night over the principal part of the district. The weather was dull and cloudy on Thursday. The rain came just in time to help the dry feed, but there was not enough to supply water. It looks like more. Results:—Moree 42 points, Yetman 160, Ashley 26, Garah 23, Wallon 42, Wee Waa 46, Bulyeroi 40, Mogil 49, Burren 46, Boggabri 40, Boggabilla 122, Goondiwindi (Q.), 130, Kunopia 19, Boomi 25, Trinkey 120.

NARRABRI.—Steady rain commenced here at 11.30 on Wednesday, and it continues showery and overcast; 56 points had been registered to 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. There are prospects of a good fall. Stockowners and farmers are rejoicing.

ORANGE.—Grand rain fell all day. It will be most beneficial for the crops.

PARKES.—Steady rain set in on Wednesday forenoon, and has continued almost incessantly since. It is still raining.

PENRITH.—Splendid rain fell here on Wednesday night and Thursday, about two inches being recorded.

PICTON.—The present rain will do a vast amount of good. Two inches have been registered.

RAYMOND TERRACE.—Over 2 inches of rain have been recorded since Tuesday. Farmers are jubilant. It is the best fall for two years.

RYLSTONE.—The much-needed rain began to fall on Wednesday night. It appears to be general in the district. There are indications of a good fall. The farmers will be able to plough.

ST. MARYS.—Good soaking rain fell all Thursday, 110 points being registered to 6 p.m. It will be of immense benefit to growing crops, and enable farmers to plough.

TAMWORTH.—Rain fell on Wednesday and Thursday, 75 points being recorded. A heavy fall is needed in this district. The foregoing registration will, comparatively speaking, be of little value.

TILBA TILBA.—Seventy points of rain have fallen. There is every prospect of it continuing.

TRUNDLE.—We are getting a splendid rain. Forty-eight points have been registered. It is raining heavily now.

ULMARRA.—About four inches of rain have fallen within three days. Farmers are satisfied with the present prospects. The Ulmarra Drainage Trust drain, which had been started, has been impeded by the rain.

WAGGA.—There was a heavy fall of rain in Wagga and district on Thursday, totalling 115 points. Whilst no doubt the fall will be appreciated in many places, generally speaking the farmers require sunny weather combined with frosts to sweeten the grass.

WEST MAITLAND.—Rain set in early yesterday morning and continued without intermission all day, 80 points up to 6 o'clock being registered, when it was still raining.

WOLLONGONG.—Heavy rain has fallen.

WYONG.—Splendid steady rain has fallen, 146 points being registered up to 5 p.m. on Thursday, making 258 points since the rain commenced on Tuesday.

WEST WYALONG.—Rain set in steadily on Wednesday night, and is now falling heavily. Fifty-two points were registered to 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.

RAIN IN VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Splendid rains have fallen over the western and northern parts of the State in steady, soaking showers. Swan Hill has received 3 inches, and several stations record more than 2½ inches. The rain is now travelling slowly eastward, and Gippsland will doubtless receive its share.

GALES AND HEAVY SEAS.

MANY VESSELS DETAINED.

A strong easterly gale, accompanied by heavy seas, was raging along the coast yesterday, and just as fears were being expressed for the safety of shipping, word was received of a disaster at Manly Beach.

Much of the coastal shipping has been delayed. Yesterday upwards of 30 vessels were weatherbound, some ports having quite a small fleet at anchor, awaiting a favourable opportunity to cross out. At Byron Bay the steamer Noorebar is at anchor, and the steamers Ramornie, Macleay, and Friendship have taken refuge in Richmond River. The steamer Dorrigo is lying at anchor at the back of the island in Coff's Harbour, unable to unload, and the steamer Eureka is barbound at Bellinger. Two steamers, the Pyrmont and the Wauchope are detained at Port Macquarie, while the schooner Australia and the ketches Ladysmith, S. A. Hayward, and Isabella de Fraine are sheltering.

At the Manning River the steamer Kincumber is unable to cross out, while the heavy seas at Cape Hawke account for the non-departure of the steamer Tuncurry, the schooners Paris and Willinga, and the ketches Candidate and Alice Templeton. Port Stephens reports that the steamers Williams and Bellinger, the schooners Aleda and Myall, and the ketches Galgabba, Ladysmith, and Premier are at anchor in the bay.

The steamers Timaru, Murray, and Dorrigo and the ketches Harold and Alfred Fenning are accounted for as sheltering at Barranjoey.

Though moderating on the southern coast, the wind and seas are still high. The steamer Dunmore, bound from Shellharbour to Sydney, was forced to take refuge in Kiama shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was still at anchor last night. The ketch Jess has also been forced to put into Jervis Bay until the weather moderates.

NORTHERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

The fourteenth meeting of the Northern Rifle Association was commenced to-day. The weather conditions were most disagreeable. The light was bad, and rain was falling without intermission all day, and the wind was 7 left. Entries show a substantial increase on last year, and with the advent of the new rifle range within easier access of the town the operations of the association are sure to be further benefited. There were many loud complaints to-day concerning the ammunition, most of the supply being shockingly defective, and shooters were afraid to use it in many instances, it being dirty and discoloured. The King's and the President's matches were shot to-day, with the following results:—

THE KING'S.—600yds.; Ten shots.

£5—W. J. Green, Railway Rifle Club, Sydney 48
£4—J. MacKenzie, N. Sydney 48
£3—L. Schroter, Aberdeen 47

£2 and up.—W. Fisher, N. Sydney, 47; F. H. Walker, Jamberoo, 47; F. W. Lindsell, Scone, 47.

£1.—J. Moore, Camden, 47; F. Connolly, Sydney, 46; W. Morgan, Hillgrove, 46; W. S. Walker, Penrith, 46; C. C. Norton, Tamworth, 46; W. J. Green, Tramway R.C., Sydney, 46; C. Smith, Sydney, 46; A. G. Adams, First Regiment, 45; R. R. Ferguson, N. Sydney, 45; A. S. Souter, Wollongong, 44; C. Jones, Wallsend, 44; R. S. Faux, Kiama, 44; C. Fisher, Millthorpe, 43; W. Denham, Narrabri, 43; A. J. M'Leod, Haydonton, 43.

The following are winners of 10s prizes:—C. Schultz, North Sydney, 43; J. Maxwell, Newcastle, 43; T. W. Phillips, Goulburn, 43; E. L. Ardill, Parramatta, 43; F. Marsden, Sydney, 43; W. H. Cutler, Bathurst, 43; H. Love, Kiama, 43; S. S. Beers, Newcastle, 43; J. Wills, Sydney, 43; G. Barnes, Newcastle, 43; D. H. Mitchell, Randwick, 42; D. M'Calley, Sydney, 42; M. H. Tessimond, Lithgow, 42; Sergeant Coltee, Second Regiment, 42; J. B. Wallace, Goulburn, 42; O. Stanton, Sydney, 42; Colour-sergeant Thomas, Second Regiment, 42; E. S. Upjohn, Tamworth, 41; F. B. Nowell, Maitland, 41; H. Messer, Penrith, 40; C. Moreton, Parramatta, 40; H. G. Spencer, Narrabri, 40; E. Atkins, South Sydney, 40; H. B. Jamieson, Parramatta, 40.

THE PRESIDENT'S, 800 yards, ten shots.

£5 and President's medal—A. J. M'Leod, Haydenton 49
£4—E. C. Faux, Kiama 48
£3—J. Wells, Newcastle 47

£2, J. Mackenzie, North Sydney, 47; J. A. Wright, Sydney, 47; C. Schultz, North Sydney, 46.

The following are winners of £1 prizes:—G. Fisher, Millthorpe, 46; S. S. Beers, Newcastle, 45; M. H. Tessimond, Lithgow, 45; H. A. Evans, Boolaroo, 44; A. S. Ferguson, North Sydney, 44; Captain Norton, Tamworth, 44; W. Price, Armidale, 44; W. J. Green, Sydney Tramway, 44; A. G. Adams, 1st Regiment, 44; J. Moore, Camden, 43; O. Stanton, Sydney Tramway, 43; R. H. Walker, Jamberoo, 43; R. A. Johnson, Kiama, 43; Geo. Jones, 4th Regiment, 43; F. Connolly, Sydney, 43; D. M'Calley, Sydney, 43; W. Denham, Narrabri, 43; F. Pantlin, Sydney, 42; G. L. Ardill, Parramatta, 42; W. S. Walker, Penrith, 42; W. Cooper, Sydney, 42; F. Marsden, Sydney, 42.

The following are winners of 10s prizes:—F. W. Lindsell, Scone, 41; W. H. Cutler, Bathurst, 41; E. E. Upjohn, Tamworth, 41; E. M'Dougall, Goulburn, 40; G. Barnes, Newcastle, 40; D. H. Mitchell, Randwick, 40; C. J. Staff, Randwick, 40; W. J. Boyce, Cobar, 40; H. Messer, Penrith, 40; F. Wright, Goulburn, 40.

Among the portraits appearing in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" are:—G. H. Knibbs, Rev. John Kemp Bruce, James McCredie, J. C. McDougall, Dr. Ishikawa, Frank Wilson, J. E. Hermann, Mayor and Mayoress of Mudgee, Mayor and Mayoress of Wagga, A. Christie, Miss Bessie Robertson, Miss Saida Ben-Yusuf, and many others.—Advt.

TASMANIA.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERALSHIP.

HOBART, Thursday.

Ministers have arranged for the appointment of a Royal Commission to consider a proposal that the Attorney-Generalship should be made a permanent and non-political appointment. The commission will comprise Mr. W. O. Wise (paid magistrate), Mr. J. Denistoun Wood, M.H.R., and the Hon. C. E. Davies, M.L.C.

THE PLAYERS AND M.C.C.

On Monday it was mentioned in these columns that there was a rumour that the players had telegraphed to Major Wardill that they would adhere to the Melbourne Club. One of the more prominent of the leading players said that, as far as he knew, there was nothing in the rumour, and that the message was against reason. It appears, however, that there is, after all, a good deal in it. A message was sent, as admitted by Noble, to the Melbourne Club that the players would stick to their agreement, and the hope was expressed that an amicable settlement would be arrived at. In view of this it is hard to understand Noble's letter read at the meeting of the association on Monday evening.

The Rev. E. F. Waddy has written to the M.C.C. regarding the cricket trouble. Major Wardill wired that the rumours to which Waddy refers were not correct, and that he was writing full particulars.

THE JAPANESE SQUADRON.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Owing to the violent weather conditions very few persons visited the Japanese cruisers yesterday, but they will be again thrown open to-day for inspection by the general public.

To-day's programme for the entertainment of the visitors consists of an excursion arranged by the Acting Consul-General for Japan, a ward-room dinner on board H.M.S. Powerful, and a dinner given by the Chief Justice. The ship's company of the Powerful will entertain 200 petty officers and men of the Japanese squadron on board the British flagship.

ACCIDENT TO A MAIL COACH.

HILLGROVE, Thursday.

An accident happened to Ryan's mail coach this morning, while it was coming from Armidale to Hillgrove with mails and nine passengers. When going down a steep cutting, near Baker's Creek, the front axle broke in the middle. The driver being unable to apply the brake, the coach was dragged a considerable distance before it was stopped. One passenger, a Chinese storekeeper, was thrown out, and one of the wheels passed over him. The other passengers retained their seats. The locality where the accident occurred is very steep and dangerous. The mails and passengers were brought on to town by a passing van.

ISLAND SHIPPING MISHAP.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

The Norwegian barque Endymion, whilst loading copra at Nua Papa, Tonga, went ashore. The vessel was floated by kedges after two hours' work, and was towed to Nukualofa by the Manapouri. An examination of the vessel showed no material damage, but, on the recommendation of the surveyors, the vessel is coming to Auckland for survey and docking.

TRAIN RUNS INTO A CAB.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER KILLED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. E. E. Thurston, commercial traveller for Messrs. Paterson, Laing, and Bruce, arrived at Nhill by the Adelaide express this morning. He was being driven to an hotel, to reach which the vehicle had to cross the railway line. While on the rails a train was shunted back, and ran into the vehicle, killing Mr. Thurston, and injuring the cabman.

CASE OF ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The case against Jas. P. Groutsch, clerk, who was charged with embezzling £61 odd from the Proprietary Company, in connection with the late alleged robbery, was concluded to-day. The accused was discharged. The decision was received by the court audience with much applause.

MR. M'GOWEN'S CAMPAIGN.

URALLA, Thursday.

Mr. J. McGowen, M.L.A., addressed a meeting in the Odd'ellows' Hall last night. The attendance was small owing to the bad weather. The Mayor (Alderman Carter) presided.

LATE MINING.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, May 24.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 73s 9d, s 76s 3d; British Broken Hill, b 35s 6d, s 36s 6d; Broken Hill Block 10, b £4 10s, s £4 12s 6d; Broken Hill North, b 52s 6d, s 55s; New Chillagoe, b 3s 9d, s 4s 3d; Mount Lyells, b 46s, s 47s.

LATE COMMERCIAL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

350 packages of Ceylon tea sold up to 8d. 70 chests Indian up to 9d. Moderate business was done in citric acid. 6 tons red millet seed sold. 200 barrels resin sold at £10. Forward business in cornsacks covers 2950 bales at 6s 6d to 6s 7½d, delivered in addition to repurchases made on Calcutta account. Cornsacks on spot are firmer at 7s 6d. Branbags were quoted 5s 9d on spot, 5s 7½d to arrive, per Cooeyanna, and 5s 6½d delivered for September-December shipment, but 5s 1d is now asked. Woolpacks are quoted 2s 7d. Fair business was done in wire netting, galvanised wire, and tin plates.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

HOBART (Tas.), Thursday.

The steamer Oonah left yesterday morning for Sydney with 6335 cases and 1408 ½-cases fruit, 767 cases jam, 287 cases and 56 casks pulp, 20 hhds ale, 10 bales hops, 31 bales skins, 12 bags turnips, 7 cases fish and 41 bundles willows. Launceston deliveries of produce at ports are heavy this week. Potatoes are quoted £7 5s for prime.

JOHN CHINAMAN ON THE RAND.

Under this title a writer, calling himself "An Eye-witness," writes a little book, published by Messrs. R. A. Everett and Son, condemning, after the most wholesale fashion, the employment of Chinese coolies on the Rand. He insists that this employment is of the nature of slavery, and he devotes a large proportion of his little book to the enumeration of the tortures inflicted upon recalcitrant Chinamen. Much of the information on which the book is founded is derived from letters written to a London daily, and in addition to this we pass our anonymous author's statements about the treatment of Chinese coolies as actually witnessed by him. According to this book flogging was a constant element in the preservation of order, and when this mode of correction had not the desired effect other methods of punishment were tried. The opponents of Chinese labour in South Africa do not help their cause when they claim that the war against Boer encroachment was engineered in the interests of mine-owners. It is easy for them now to point to one thing that followed after the war as the one thing that brought it on; but their loud and frequent assertion of this absurd statement does not make it true. The experiment of introducing a servile race must be condemned by all who remember the civil war of the United States, and by those countries which have felt the constant and ever-growing evils of the immigration of Chinese. But, for all the blatant critics of the Empire can find to say there is no connection between the South African war and the introduction of Chinese coolies. If the thing had to be done all over again, Australia would stand by the mother country in opposing the attempt to Boerise South Africa. She would not stir a foot or spend a half-penny in an effort to establish Chinese labour in any part of the world. This little book is somewhat exuberant at times, but it contains much useful information and many interesting narratives.

From the Country.—An interesting page, consisting of the Newcastle Hospital and its staff, Upper Macleay Co-operative Dairy Factory, the Mayor and Mayoress of Mudgee, Mayor and Mayoress of Wagga, and the Newcastle creep, will be found in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

The double-page of this week's "Sydney Mail" is devoted to the Japanese. It shows the three cruisers entering Port Jackson, and again at anchor.—Advt.

CONFERENCE OF EMPLOYERS.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACTS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The third annual conference of delegates from various interstate employers' federations and other employers' organisations was continued this morning. Mr. Ranson, secretary of the Queensland federation, said that before proceeding to other business he wished to refer to a letter in the press to the effect that employers' federations only embraced large employers, and its organisation was intended only for them. In reply he said that what was generally considered an association of small traders in Brisbane had been invited to become affiliated with the federation, but up to the present it had not notified its intention to do so. It was the wish of the executive of the federations that all organisations, whether of large or small employers, should become federated with them. Mr. Brentnall (Queensland) read a paper on workers' compensation in Queensland, and Mr. H. L. E. Ruthning read a paper on the German State system of workers' insurance. Mr. Brentnall moved,—"That inasmuch as the Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation Acts in some States are inequitable in their incidence on employers, and are tending to restrict the means of employment, and are operating to the detriment of employees in other ways, this conference is of opinion that they should be attended so as to distribute the burden on employers, the State, and the employees in equitable proportions." Mr. Walpole seconded the resolution. He said that in New Zealand a farm hand had been employed ploughing when he struck his hand and slightly bruised it. The man was living in a cottage, which proved to be a harbour for septemic germs, and he contracted erysipelas, which caused his death, and damages were given against the farmer. Similar cases elsewhere, including one in which a bricklayer had been struck by lightning and the employer mulcted in damages, were quoted. One result of this legislation had been to increase insurance rates as much as 100 per cent. in cases.

Mr. Wegg Horne (N.S.W.) thought the Workers' Compensation Act would inevitably come into force in every State. (Cries of "No, no.") They would fight it at every stage, but failing in that they should endeavour to have the measure made as acceptable as possible, particularly in the matter of defining and extending the term "wilful negligence."

The motion was carried.

Mr. W. W. Cabena (Victoria) moved, "That while this conference is strongly opposed to hurtful monopolies and trusts which, by their operations, are a menace to public interests, it is of opinion that the proposal to nationalise monopolies would accentuate rather than minimise the evils arising from them." Probably, he said, the most notable example of private monopoly was the East India Company, and it was to its operations in India that Great Britain owed the possession of that splendid province, with its population of three hundred millions. That in itself was a marvellous achievement, but the company, by its action, also encouraged the spirit of enterprise in the sons of England, and was probably responsible for still other, though less important, additions to the Empire.

Mr. Dempsey (Queensland) supported the motion, and read a paper on "Associations v Trusts."

The motion was carried.

Mr. Dearden moved, "That in the interests of equity, and the maintenance of established principles of litigation and the rights of parties thereto, this conference is of opinion that claimants under Workmen's Compensation and other Acts, having once exercised their choice of remedies, shall have no further right of action."

The motion was carried.

Mr. Smith moved, "That inasmuch as the suggested extension of government and municipal trading, when opposed to the interests of ratepayers, advocated by the socialistic party in these States, is only an indirect method of obtaining the nationalisation of all industries, the conference is of opinion that its further extension is an undue encroachment upon the rights of individuals, and is inimical to the best interests of these communities." The motion was carried, and the conference adjourned.

THE DANYSZ EXPERIMENT.

AN OFFICIAL PROTEST.

ACTION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The following letter has been sent to Mr. Carruthers, Premier of New South Wales, by the South Australian Government respecting Dr. Danysz's experiment for destroying rabbits:—

It states: "Greatest concern is experienced by the people of this State with respect to the experiments proposed to be undertaken on Broughton Island, New South Wales, by Dr. Danysz with a disease for the destruction of rabbits. It is felt that there is very great danger in introducing a new disease, which may, after a time, not only cease to be efficacious for the purposes for which it is intended, but in the meantime may possibly be communicated to other animals, and even to human beings. It is also considered that the export trade in preserved and frozen rabbits will probably be seriously affected through English customers becoming prejudiced against importations from a country where the animals are destroyed in the manner suggested. The Government therefore respectfully, but strongly, protests against the carrying out of these experiments, and urges upon you the abandonment of a scheme which it believes is fraught with very great peril."

HEAVY WEATHER AT NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

Stormy weather conditions were experienced throughout the day, and shipping has been considerably hampered. A strong wind blew from the north-east and east; with heavy seas running. A large number of vessels have been sheltering in the harbour, including the Corra Lynn, Noorebar, Dorrigo, Helen Nicol, and Cooloon. Mr. Yeo, of the Pastures Protection Board, has been here since Monday, awaiting an opportunity to cross to Broughton Island. The steamer Storm King went to Nelson's Bay to-day, but the weather was too boisterous to attempt calling at the island. Some anxiety is felt in regard to the safety of the barquentine Silver Cloud, which is now 24 days out from Kaipara with a cargo of timber. During the last few days the wind has blown fresh from the east, which should have brought her on to the coast. At a late hour to-night the wind had almost dropped, and the sea was fast moderating.

R.M.S. ORMUZ AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Ormuz arrived from London this morning with the following passengers:—

For Adelaide:—From London: Mr. V. F. Coomber. From Colombo: Mr. W. Manasso, and in other classes four.

For Melbourne:—From London: Mr. A. Gray, Mr. T. Mathieson.

For Dunedin:—Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and child.

For Hobart:—From Marseilles: Mr. Herskind, Mr. A. McIlwraith. From Port Said: Mr. and Miss K. A. Traille, and in other classes 16.

For Sydney:—From London: Captain G. W. Bridson, R.N., and Mrs. Bridson, Mr. J. C. Brook, Miss C. Langdon, Mrs. H. K. Statham, Mr. M. Culpin, Miss R. Melville, Miss A. Bamford, Mr. J. Clayton. From Colombo: Miss Macdonald, Mr. W. Innes, and in other classes 51.

For Brisbane:—From London: Miss D. A. Little, Mrs. Barker, the Rev. T. Jones, and in other classes 38.

SKETCH CLUB EXHIBITION.

The Sydney Sketch Club has now opened its fourth annual exhibition at 70 Pitt-street, where the oil and water-colour paintings and the drawings in black and white number in all 164 different subjects. This suggests a collection of more intrinsic importance than is actually the case, the main object of the club being to provide a meeting ground for young students, where subjects are chosen by ballot, and afterwards form the occasion of friendly competition. The prizes awarded this year have fallen in Still Life to Miss B. Watkins, in Landscape to Mr. H. C. Hadley, and in Water Colours to Mr. W. T. Butler. Taken as a whole the show is an advance upon previous efforts, inasmuch as more care has been taken to exclude those student-efforts which border on the grotesque. The important works amongst the oils are Mr. J. Knight's "Nattai Mountains" (No. 28), and a second picturesque landscape, "Nattai Pass" (No. 58), whilst in the water-colour division Mr. A. W. Chapple's "A Storm, Jamberoo Swamps," with its clever foreground of marshland bearing tufts of withered grasses, will be admired. Mr. Walter Butler's "Lone Trees," with its expression of loneliness and desolation accentuated by storm effects, has significance. The Sketch Club exhibition will doubtless attract attention between now and the evening of June 2, when it closes.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The rain to-day caused the postponement of the Bendigo and Kyneton races, both courses being considered unsafe to race on. The Bendigo course is partly under water, and it is probable that the meeting will be continued on Wednesday next.

Barr (sire of the Adelaide Cup winner Dynamite) and Fulminator have arrived at Flemington, where they will be trained by C. Quinn.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—May 24.

Prinz Sigismund, s, 3302 tons, Captain Leus, from Yokohama, via Hongkong, New Britain, German New Guinea, and ports. Passengers—Mr. M. Kusnik, Dr. med., Mr. and Mrs. K. Muller, Mr. Louis Roever, Mr. P. Becker, Mr. L. F. Kemp, Mr. Benjamin Butler, Mr. T. Croilsbroick, Mr. H. Robson, and 15 Chinese. Lohmann and Co., agents.

Moldavia, R.M.S., 9500 tons, Captain Gordon, from London, via ports. Passengers—Mr. Kaufman and valet, Mrs. Broadmead child and nurse, Mr. Banner, Mr. Dunlop, Miss Garran, Mr. Mrs. and Misses (3) White, Mr. Harding, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Fenwick, Mr. Davis, Mr. Allan, Mr. Fenwick, Sir John and Lady Forrest, Miss Gordon, Mrs. McArthur King, Mr. and Mrs. England, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Jones, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Tusher, Mr. Browne, Mrs. Paterson, Mr. Dright, Mr. and Mrs. Hedge, Captain and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. Paton, Mr. Herbert, Mr. and Miss Allen, Mr. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelly, Mr. Vack, Mr. Bendall, Mr. Allfrey, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Sadler, Mr. Gist, Mrs. Macdothy, Miss Smith, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Hutchison, Miss Goldfinch. E. Trelawny, agent.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Frank Guy, bqtne, 191 tons, Captain Ware, from Tairua, N.Z. Passenger—Mrs. Ware. Kauri Timber Company, agents.

Aldertarran, bq, 429 tons, Captain Douglas, from Hokianga, N.Z. Passengers—Mrs. Douglas and child. Kauri Timber Company, agents.

City of Grafton, s, 825 tons, Captain Nelson, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Cavanba, s, 573 tons, Captain Davis, from Byron Bay. Passengers—26 in the saloon and 13 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Kosmos, Norwegian bq, 1227 tons, Captain Isaksen, from Newcastle, for orders. J. and A. Brown, agents.

DEPARTURES.—May 24.

Anglian, s, for Hobart.
Moana, s, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle.
Cape Antibes, s, for Ocean Island.
Manapouri, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—May 25.

St. Louis, s, for Noumea; Warrego, s, for Melbourne; Pyrmont, s, for Port Macquarie; Peterborough, s, for Shellharbour and Nowra; Illawarra, s, for Moruya, via ports; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke; Newcastle, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—May 24.

Cape Antibes, s, 2540 tons, Captain M'Donald, for Ocean Island and Wansu. Passengers—Messrs. F. Steinmartz, H. Walbaum, H. B. Pope, G. S. Tringle, J. Macfarlane, F. Liggins, S. Ridley, and N. Coxson.

Marjorie, s, 928 tons, Captain C. M'Cooe, for Thursday Island, via Bellambi.

Anglian, s, 2150 tons, Captain H. L. Dunsford, for Hobart.

Moana, s, 3915 tons, Captain J. Pender, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle.

Helen Denny, bq, 694 tons, Captain Hohn, for Wellington, via Newcastle.

Willyama, s, 2709 tons, Captain Browne, for Adelaide, via Newcastle.

Manapouri, s, 2060 tons, Captain W. J. Newton, for Newcastle.

COASTER OUTWARD.

Malachite, s, for Bellambi.

IMPORTS.—May 24.

City of Grafton, s, from Richmond River: 227 bgs maize, 27 bgs bones, 457 bxs butter, 10 cs eggs, 6 cs fish, 9 cs prawns, 65 hides, 4 csks tallow, 9 bls skins, 3 horses, 6 cps fowls, 2450ft boxwood, and sundries.

Cavanba, s, from Byron Bay: 1349 bxs butter, 2 cs eggs, 1 bx ducks, 4 bgs pumpkins, 10 beach logs, 12 pine logs, 11 bgs seeds, 1 typewriter, 2 cs naphtha, 1 cs patterns, 1 tyre, and sundries.

Frank Guy, bqtn, from Tairua, N.Z.: 160,000ft kauri timber.

Aldebaran, bq, from Hokianga, N.Z.: 387,586ft kauri timber.

EXPORTS.—May 24.

Cape Antibes, s, for Ocean Island and Wansu: 40 cs lager beer, 50 cs herrings, 80 cs sugar, 651 pcs timber, 11 bdls pipes, 30 cs soap, 30 cs flour, 401 cs biscuits, 22 crts onions, 20 crts potatoes, 14 tanks 10 cs kerosene, 28 pkgs bedsteads, 333 bricks, and a large quantity of sundries, and transhipment cargo.

Custom-house.—Entered outward: May 24, Wakool, s, for London, via ports; Chingtu, s, for Hongkong, via ports; Manapouri, s, for Newcastle; Manapouri, s, for Suva, Tonga, and Levuka; W. H. Smith, sh, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

The barque Invergarry, which arrived her on Tuesday last with a cargo of redwood from Eureka, was yesterday morning removed from her anchorage at the back of Garden Island to a discharging berth at Goodlet and Smith's wharf.

Two timber-laden vessels from New Zealand reached Sydney yesterday—the barque Aldebaran, from Hokianga, and the barquentine Frank Guy, from Tairua. The former sailed on the 5th inst. and during the greater part of the journey experienced head winds from the south-west, while the Frank Guy did not sail until the 10th inst. and met favourable and strong winds from the north-east all the way across the Tasman Sea.

The following telegram was received yesterday respecting the condition of the bar at high water:—Ballina, 13ft on bar, 12ft 6in on inside channel.

The steamer Pakeha arrived at London from New Zealand on May 23.

The German steamer Prinz Sigismund arrived in Sydney yesterday from Kobe, via ports. The vessel left Kobe on April 23, and Captain Leus reports having experienced strong north-easterly to north-westerly winds and heavy seas in the China Sea, with misty and rainy weather. After leaving Hongkong the wind and seas moderated, and fine weather prevailed until the steamer reached Australian waters, when she met with very strong easterly winds and rough seas till her arrival in Sydney.

THE HAWKES BAY IN HEAVY WEATHER.

The steamer Hawkes Bay, which returned to Sydney from South Africa a few days ago, experienced a rough passage whilst on her way to South African ports from Melbourne. She was some five days from port when she encountered a heavy gale from the WSW. She laboured in the heavy sea, and her bows were at intervals covered with a torrent of water, which swept the fore part of the ship. Then the vessel would be dropped from a considerable height into the troughs of the ocean, the fall being estimated in one or two instances at no less than fifty feet. This could not go on long without some mishap, and the inevitable disaster seemed to have happened when a dull thud and splintering of wood occurred at the first hatchway between decks.

Rushing to the fore part of the vessel, the captain and his officers discovered that the hatch had been forced open, and had fallen inwards. A huge iron beam or girder supporting the dozen or so covers of the hatch had jumped from its end rests, and had broken in the stretch. It was almost inconceivable that such a large girder could have given way, but the unexpected had happened. The hatch gave access to the refrigerating chamber, where were laid some 500 tons or more of frozen meat, consigned to the order of the Federal Cold Storage Company, Capetown.

The air, of course, rushed in the open hatchway, and the damage was done to the cargo in a moment. Although the hatch might be afterwards closed up again, the fresh air had touched the frozen meat, and the taint followed. The steamer was berthed on arrival at Capetown, and she began discharging her 500 tons of frozen meat, 700 tons of wheat in sacks, and 300 tons of fodder and flour. When the meat was landed there was a peculiar smell noticed, and some of the carcasses were evidently bad. The majority of the meat, however, appeared hard frozen, and it could not be condemned until a proper survey had been held.

THE NEW YORK LINES.

In their circular dated New York, April 21, Messrs. Arkell and Douglas report:—"The U.S. and A.&S. Company are now loading the steamer Cufic, which vessel will call at the five Australian ports. They have just closed the steamer Oakburn for Melbourne and Sydney and New Zealand ports. The company anticipates having a further vessel on for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports to sail during June. The A. and A. line are loading the steamship Cape Breton for the five Australian ports, to sail in about two or three weeks, and advertise the steamer Bergermeister Hachmann to follow for Australian and New Zealand ports. The Tyser line expect to have the steamer Tomoana on the berth for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports about May 1.

"Owing to the excess of tonnage loading freights have been somewhat disorganised, and it is difficult to actually quote for the various ports. We would give rates nominally to Sydney and Melbourne 25s to 32s 6d, according to class of cargo. Fremantle, Adelaide, and Brisbane, 2s 6d extra, and New Zealand ports, 5s extra. Weight goods, nominally, 21s 3d to 23s 9d. The proposed arrangement between the different lines running to the colonies is still hanging, but the prospects appear favourable to an early settlement, in which case rates, of course, would be uniform by the various lines.

"The U.S. and A.S.S. Company now have on the berth the barque Scottish Hills, for Melbourne and Sydney, and the barque West Lothian will also load for the same ports, starting to take cargo within a few days. The A. and A. line are loading the small barque J. T. North for Sydney direct. Both lines have other vessels chartered to arrive, so that the berth will be well covered by sailers for some time ahead. The general rates have been lowered to 20s and 5 per cent. Weight goods, 20s and 5 per cent.

"We quote to-day for transhipment by the White Star line, via Liverpool, the following rates for light-weight measurement cargo:—Fremantle, 53s 6d; Adelaide, 32s 6d; Melbourne and Sydney, 30s; and Brisbane, 35s per ton of 40 cubic feet, these rates being subject to change without notice.

GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The following are the movements of the German-Australian Company's fleet:—The Altona left Newcastle-on-Tyne May 11, second steamer from Scandinavia. The Apolda arrived at Macassar April 5, homeward. The Augsburg left Sydney April 2, homeward. The Bergedorf left Ilo Ilo April 11, homeward. The Berlin left Sydney May 19, homeward. The Bielefeld left Algoa Bay May 12, outward; due Melbourne May 31. The Chemnitz is at Hamburg. The Duisburg arrived at Adelaide May 23, homeward. The Elbing passed Thursday Island April 20th, homeward. The Essen left Newcastle April 25, homeward. The Flensburg left Adelaide May 3, homeward. The Harburg left Fremantle May 23, outward; due Adelaide May 28. The Itzehoe left Hamburg May 10, outward; Melbourne July. The Kiel left Pedang April, homeward. The Laeisz was at Sourabaya April, homeward. The Linden left Hamburg April 21, outward; due Melbourne June 18. The Magdeburg left East London May 23, outward; due Fremantle June 8. The Meissen left Fremantle May 3, homeward. The Oberhausen left Hamburg May 15, outward; due Fremantle July. The Offenbach left Adelaide April 5, homeward. The Ottensen is at Sydney. The Rostock left Adelaide April 25, homeward. The Solingen is at Hamburg, homeward. The Sommerfeld is at Hamburg. The Sonneberg left Sydney May 9, homeward. The Varzin left Hamburg May 19, outward; due Melbourne July 12.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

CAIRNS (1400 miles.)—Arr: May 24, Wodonga, s, from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1270 miles).—Arr: May 24, Wakefield, s, from Brisbane; Marloo, s, from Brisbane. Dep: May 24, Berlin, s, for Hamburg.

FLAT TOP ISLAND (1123 miles).—Dep: May 24, Colac, s, for Cairns.

SEA HILL.—Dep: May 24, Hopewell, s, for Maryborough; Gabo, s, for Cairns.

GLADSTONE (828 miles).—Dep: May 24, Konoowarra, s, for Brisbane.

BUNDABERG (717 miles).—Arr: May 24, Flinders, s, from Brisbane.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: May 24, Wyandra, s, from Cooktown; Ortona, R.M.S., Suva, s, and Arawatta, s, all from Sydney; Bingara, s, from Townsville.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Passed: May 24, a 2-masted steamer at 4.30 p.m., south.

BYRON BAY (345 miles).—May 24, Noorebar, s, at anchor in bay.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (321 miles).—May 24, steamers Friendship, Macleay, and Ramornie, all weatherbound.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Arr: May 24, Kyogle, s, at 9.40 a.m., from Sydney. Steamer Kallatina weatherbound.

WOOLGOOLGA (264 miles).—Passed: May 24, Bombala, s, at noon, north.

COFF'S HARBOUR (240 miles).—May 24, steamer Dorrigo at anchor behind island; too much sea to unload.

BELLINGER (230 miles).—May 24, steamer Eureka weatherbound.

SOUTH-WEST ROCKS (209 miles).—Dep: May 24, Burrawong, s, at 8.35 a.m., for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: May 24, a steamer, red funnel, white band, and black top, at 2 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—May 24, steamers Pyrmont and Wauchope barbound.

TACKING POINT (160 miles).—Passed: May 24, a large 2-masted steamer, black funnel, white band, at 8.10 a.m., Burrawong, s, at 1.25 p.m., a China Company's steamer, at 2.50 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (155 miles).—May 24, schooners Australia and ketches Ladysmith, Isabella de Fraine, and S. A. Hayward, all barbound.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: May 24, a large steamer, 2 funnels, at 8.30 a.m., south; Dungubah, s, at 11 a.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—May 24, Kincumber, s, barbound.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—May 24, steamer Tuncurry, schooners Paris and Willinga, and ketches Candidate and Alice Templeton, all barbound.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: May 24, a large steamer at 7 a.m., a German steamer, flying H.H.P.M., at 12.15 p.m., a steamer, flying H.V.W.C., at 2.35 p.m., a steamer like Mareeba, at 4.25 p.m., all south.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Dep: May 24, Hawke, s, at 1.30 p.m., for Sydney, via Newcastle. Passed: A Union Company's steamer at 9.15 a.m., south. Steamer Williams, schooners Myall and Aleda, and ketches Premier, Lansdowne, and Galgabba, all weatherbound. Steamer Bellinger put into port at 3.35 p.m.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: May 24, Newcastle, s, Alice, s, Hymettus, s, Mararoa, s, Cavan, sch, all from Sydney; Vittoria, s, from Shanghai; Vimeria, Nor. bq, from Pt. Elizabeth; Mareeba, s, from Brisbane; Hawke, s, and Storm King, s, both from Port Stephens. Dep: May 24, Storm King, s, for Port Stephens; Bellingen, s, for Camden Haven; Newcastle, s, Hawke, s, Moeraki, s, all for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY (101 miles).—Passed: May 24, Ernia, s, at noon, bound for Gosford; Woy Woy, steamer at 2.15 p.m., south. Steamers Timaru, Murray, and Dorroby, and ketches Harold and Alfred Fenning sheltering in bay.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Dep: May 24, Ripple, s, at 7 a.m., Peterborough, s, at 3 p.m., both for Sydney; Bega, s, at 5 p.m., for South Coast.

KIAMA (59 miles).—May 24, steamer Dunmore, put in from Shellharbour, at 3.30 p.m., weatherbound.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Dep: May 24, Coomonderry, s, at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: May 24, Eastby, s, at 10.30 a.m., south. Ketch Jess entered bay at 4.35 p.m., weatherbound.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Dep: May 24, Illawarra, s, at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI SOUTH (169 miles).—Dep: May 24, Eden, s, at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney.

EDEN (210 miles).—Dep: May 24, Wakatipu, s, at 6.30 a.m., for Launceston.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: May 24, Fortunatus, s, at 9.45 a.m., Miltiades, s, at 4.10 p.m., both north.

GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: May 24, Wyandra, at 7.50 a.m., a steamer at 1.35 p.m., both west; Wakatipu, s, at 9.45 a.m., south.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Passed outward: May 24, a steamer at 3.5 a.m.; a steamer at 3.22 a.m.; Glaucus, s, at 7 a.m.

DEVONPORT WEST (468 miles).—Dep: May 23, Flora, s, at 6.30 p.m., for Melbourne, via Burnie.

BURNIE (519 miles).—Dep: May 24, Flora, s, at 9.30 a.m., for Melbourne.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: May 24, Runic, s, from Liverpool; Flora, s, from Devonport; Talca, bq, from Iquique, via Sydney; Century, s, from London, via Fremantle; Sofala, four-masted bq, from Puget Sound; Sydney, s, from Adelaide. Dep: May 24, Euryalus, s, for Durban, via Adelaide; Loongana, s, for Launceston; Nera, F.M.S., for Marseilles; Irmsgaard, Norwegian ship, for South Africa.

ADELAIDE (1086 miles).—Arr: May 24, Oroya, R.M.S., from the western States. Dep: May 24, Oroya, R.M.S., for London; Menelaus, s, for London.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Arr: May 24, Persic, s, from the eastern States.

FREMANTLE (2466 miles).—Arr: May 23, Tarcoola, s, at 9.20 p.m.; May 24, Riverina, s, at 6.50 a.m., both from the eastern States; Ormuz, R.M.S., at 2.45 a.m., from London. Dep: May 23, Harburg, s, at 8 p.m.; May 24, Ormuz, R.M.S., at 1 p.m., both for the eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND (1281 miles).—Arr: May 24, Baltimore, United States man-of-war, from Sydney.

FIJI SHIPPING.

SUVA (1743 miles).—Dep: May 24, Moura, s, for Sydney.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 47 years, 49.047.

Average for 48 years from January 1 to April 30, 18.899.

Total from January 1 to May 24, 9.868.

Total for corresponding period of previous year, 23.427.

Barometer at 9 a.m., 30.198.

Greatest wind velocity, 30 miles.

Temperatures: Maximum, 65.4; minimum, 56, at 9 p.m., 58.5.

Barometer at 9 a.m. 30.198, at 3 p.m. 30.060, at 9 p.m. 30.018.

Humidity at 9 a.m. 81, at 3 p.m. 95, and at 9 p.m. 94.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.92; Geraldton, 30.05; Perth, 30.07; Esperance Bay, 30.09; Eucla, 30.02; Adelaide, 30.15; Robe, 30.10; Portland, 30.08; Melbourne, 30.12; Wilson's Promontory, 30.18; Cape St. George, 30.20; Newcastle, 30.20; Port Macquarie, 30.25; Clarence Heads, 30.11; Brisbane, 30.09; Rockhampton, 30.08; Mackay, 30.02.

RAIN REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales.—The rain registrations for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m., together with the additional reports at 6 p.m., will be found in another column.

SCOPE OF THE RAINFALL.

New South Wales.—Light to heavy throughout.
South Australia.—Light in the S.E.
Victoria.—Light to heavy generally.
Queensland.—Light in the S.E.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Unsettled to wet weather prevailed throughout the State.

South Australia.—Overcast in the extreme S.E., fine and clear elsewhere.

Western Australia.—Generally fine, scattered clouds in the south-west.

Victoria.—Steady rain principally, showery in the S.W. and S.E.

Northern Territory.—Fine and clear throughout.

New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen.

Tasmania.—Fine and clear to fine, but cloudy generally, raining in the N.E.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights of the inland rivers on Thursday were as follow:—Albury, 3ft 5in; Bingara, low; Boggabilla, 4in, r; Booligal, 3ft 9in; Bourke, 9ft 6in, r; Brewarrina, 13ft; Condobolin, 1ft 6in; Cowra, 1ft 3in; Dubbo, 1ft 6in; Euabalong, dry; Euston, 11ft 3in; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 4ft; Gunnedah, low; Hay, 5ft 3in; Hillston, stopped running; Louth, 5ft, r; Manilla, low; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungindi, 1ft 10in; Moama, 12ft 1in; Moulamein, 3ft 2in; Narrandera, 12ft 10in; Pooncarrie, 9ft 6in; Tilpa, 5ft 1in, r; Tocumwal, 8ft 9in; Wagga Wagga, 5ft 8in; Wentworth, 7ft 6in; Wilcannia, 6ft 10in, r; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 5ft 10in; Namoi River at Walgett, 2ft 8in, stationary.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 3 P.M.

Tweed Heads, NE, fresh, cloudy, sea heavy; Byron Bay, ENE, strong, raining, sea heavy; Ballina, NE, strong, thick raining, sea heavy; Clarence Heads, ENE, fresh, raining, sea heavy; Woolgoolga, NE, light, heavy rain, sea heavy; Bellinger Heads, ENE, strong, raining, sea rough; Nambucca Heads, ENE, moderate gale, showery, sea heavy; Port Macquarie, NE, moderate gale, showery, sea rough; Manning Heads, ENE, strong, showery, sea rough; Seal Rocks, NE, fresh, showery, sea rough; Port Stephens, NE, strong, raining, sea rough; Newcastle, NNE, fresh, raining, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, ENE, fresh, thick rain, sea rough; Catherine Hill Bay, ENE, fresh, thick rain, sea rough; Barranjoey, NE, moderate, thick rain, sea rough; South Head, NE, strong, thick rain, sea rough; Wollongong, ENE, fresh, thick rain, sea moderate; Kiama, NE, strong, thick rain, sea rough; Crookhaven Heads, NE, strong, misty rain, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, NE, strong, squally, raining, sea rough; Ulladulla, NE, light, raining, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, NE, light, raining, sea moderate; Moruya, calm, thick rain, sea rough; Eden, ENE, light, misty rain, sea moderate; Green Cape, NE, light, raining, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N, light, raining, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—General rains east of the Darling; many heavy falls; prospects good for wheat country; E to NE winds, force doubtful, but probably boisterous on the coast, with more rough sea.—H. A. Hunt.

Victoria.—At first dull, unsettled; more rain, but gradually improving from westward; variable winds; sea moderate to slight.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Cloudy to showery in the south and south-east parts, otherwise fine; northerly winds along the south coast line.—C. Todd.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MAY 25.

Sun rises 6.47, sets 4.57; moon, 8.9 a.m., 6.20 p.m.; Mercury, 5.22 a.m., 4.10 p.m.; Venus, 8.48 a.m., 6.30 p.m.; Mars, 8.1 a.m., 5.51 p.m.; Jupiter, 7.44 a.m., 5.44 p.m.; Saturn, 12.30 a.m., 1.18 p.m.

Full moon, June 7; new moon, June 22.

High water at Fort Denison, 9.21 a.m., 9.38 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 5.45 p.m.
Dunedin, etc., N.Z., via Newcastle.—R.M.S. Moana, 8 a.m.
Fiji.—Fiona, 9 a.m.
Port Macquarie.—Pyrmont, 11 a.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 3 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 8 p.m.
Noumea.—St. Louis, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 11 a.m.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Moeraki, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Tongariro, noon.
Brisbane.—Wollowra, noon.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 3 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Kyarra, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Adelaide.—Euryalus, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Hobart.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 1 p.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Zamboanga, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Chingtu, 3 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.—Manapouri, 11 a.m.
Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. China, 5.30 p.m.
R.M.S. China (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. China, 5.30 p.m.

TARIFF COMMISSION.

BAGS FOR MEAT WRAPS.

PRINTERS' INKS AND TYPES.

The Tariff Commission resumed sitting at Parliament House yesterday. Present—Mr. J. M. Fowler, M.P. (in the chair), Senator M'Gregor, and Messrs. Wamsley and Clarke.

G. Swift, of the firm of Swift and Co., merchants, of O'Connell-street, called attention to the duty charged on voltoids of sal ammoniac being 15 per cent., while sal ammoniac was allowed in free. He said sal ammoniac was merely a trade term used for ammonium chloride, both being one and the same article. The voltoids were in no case used medicinally.

Donald M'Fadyen, manager of the Fresh Food and Ice Company, called attention to the heavy duty on bags or wraps used in connection with the export frozen meat trade. To buy to advantage, he found it necessary to import the bags he required because local manufacturers stuck on the price. His company, in a normal season, required 750,000 bags, and seeing that the bags were shipped away he thought it was reasonable that some allowance should be made. In the frozen meat trade contracts were often made showing a profit of only 1d per carcase. He estimated that the company paid £600 per annum in duty on bags and wraps.

James A. Burke, representing the Caxton Type Foundry, London, rebutted evidence given by Mr. F. T. Wimble on March 7. Typemaking, with even a duty of 100 per cent., would not, he said, become a great local industry, since two or three type foundries could supply the requirements of the English-speaking world. A duty of 25 per cent. on type would be purely a tax, and would give no benefit to the Australian printer. No newspaper of any size would use locally-made ink, and, even with 35 per cent. duty, it would be impossible to produce ink that would compete with the product of a large ink mill of England, America, or Germany. Printing in Australia had reached a fairly high level, and if the protective duties were imposed it would fall away, and high-grade ink would have to be sent to other countries. Some of Mr. Wimble's inks had a big sale in the open markets of England against the imported article.

OILS AND COLOURS.

Alexander Borthwick, of the firm of Messrs. A. and G. Borthwick, asked that the duty on varnish should be increased to 2s per gallon in place of the present duty of 1s 9d, as linseed oil, one of the principal raw materials, was subject to a duty of 6d per gallon. All black varnishes, such as black tar varnish, Brunswick blacks, and black storing varnishes should come under the varnish duty, as they could be made in the States. There should be a duty of £3 per ton on all colours, with the exception of siennas, umbers, zinc white and blacks, and also white lead. Barytes, whiting, Paris white, and ultramarine blue should be admitted free. If barytes came in free they would be satisfied with a duty of £2 a ton on dry colours. He asked for the following duties on paints:—Ready-made paints, £6 a ton; colours, ground stiff in oil, £4; putty, £2; and patent driers, £3. The duty on the raw materials made it simply impossible for the paint industry to go ahead in the States.

To Mr. Wamsley: If he got the linseed oil in free he would be prepared to agree to the duty of 1s 9d on varnish.

GLUE AND GELATINE.

W. G. Long, representing Messrs. Long and Co., glue manufacturers, Alexandria, said the industry of glue-making was practically dead, it being impossible for any manufacturer to carry on here at a profit on account of the imported cheap glue from Italy, Germany, France, and even from America and Japan, and the relatively higher rate of wages. Fifteen per cent. ad valorem was not sufficient protection, and he suggested a duty, not ad valorem, but 2d per lb. A fixed duty like that would keep out the cheapest sorts of imported stuff. He said thousands of tons of raw material for glue and gelatine manufacturing were exported from Australia to Europe, America, and Japan, worked up there into glue, and gelatine, and in that form partly imported again to Australia at a cheaper rate than any manufacturer here was able to produce it. If the duty on gelatine were raised to 4d per lb, all the Commonwealth required could be manufactured here.

CHEMICALS.

Edwin Dearman, managing director of the Lavers' Manufacturing Company, Limited, tar distillers and manufacturing chemists, Woolwich, asked for a duty of 6d per gallon on coal tar, benzol naphtha, instead of ½d per gallon. Naphthaline, now free, should be 25 per cent.; cresylic acid, now free, should be 6d per gallon; creosote oils, crude, now free, should be 6d per gallon; liquid sheepdip, now free, should be 6d per gallon; and carbolic acid, now free, should be 6d per lb.

The Commission adjourned till the following day.

WEDNESDAY'S EVIDENCE.

CARDBOARD, OIL, AND COTTON-SEED.

John Robert Firth, cardboard box manufacturer, Burwood, was further examined. He said he had documentary proof that there was a combine in the glue trade prior to February 20, 1901. On that date the duty was reduced and the price immediately dropped from £45 to £32. This happened in Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia.

Mr. Fowler: Is there any necessity for a protective duty?—Not in the slightest.

James Davidson, grain merchant, and secretary to the Centrifugal Tallow and Oil Machinery Company, Limited, said the starting of factories in Australia for the manufacture of edible fat emulsions would prove beneficial to squatters, farmers, and the public indirectly. If, instead of being made into tallow (as was the case at present), one-third of the Australian fats were turned into edible products, many hundreds of tons would be raised at £10 per ton beyond tallow values. There was no probability of edible fat coming into competition with the higher grades of butter.

Herman Henry Groth, oil, colour, and brushware importer, George-street, said that over 300 hands were directly employed in 12 brush-making factories in the Commonwealth, and the wages paid approximated £22,000, and he opposed any reduction of the present duty on brushware.

William Houston, oil broker, Bridge-street, managing director of the Standard Paint and Oil Company, Limited, complained of excessive duties on all raw materials, as compared with the scanty protection afforded against the imported manufactured article.

George Finlayson, manufacturer to the Standard Paint and Oil Company, Limited, Woollahra, asked that the articles used in the manufacture of paint should come in free of duty to give manufacturers a chance to compete.

Thomas Rate, boot manufacturer, Carlton, asked that the duty upon the manufactured imported article should be increased by 25 to 35 per cent., making it from 40 to 50 per cent.

PROGRESS REPORTS.

COMPLAINTS OF DISTILLERS.

WINE-GROWING INDUSTRY.

INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

The Minister for Customs, Sir William Lyne, made available yesterday three progress reports handed to him by the Tariff Commission, at present sitting at Parliament House, taking further evidence regarding the operations of the Federal tariff. It should be stated that these reports are marked No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4. The first (No. 1 report) was simply a document forwarded to the Prime Minister some time ago, for the purpose of showing the character of the work being done by the Commission, and what the nature of the further inquiries would be.

The report marked No. 2 deals with the distillation of spirits. It also sets out the complaints made at a conference of distillers, and the suggestions emanating therefrom for an alteration of the conditions under which the distillation industry is carried on throughout the Commonwealth.

In the report marked No. 3, the Commission has devoted itself to a careful analysis of the wine-growing industry of Australia, particular attention being given to the question of the fortification of Australian wines, and also whether or not the excise duty of 1s per gallon should be reduced. Here, also, a number of complaints by, and suggestions from, Australian vignerons are dealt with.

The fourth report is headed "Industrial Alcohol." It relates to the importance of facilitating the use of alcohol in manufactures, and for the purpose of power, light, and heat, coupled with conditions to prevent its abuse. It also deals with the contention of a large number of witnesses, that conditions should be imposed to prevent the abuse of industrial alcohol, and also to protect the revenue. The conclusions and recommendations of the committee are given under the different subject headings, as follow:—

DISTILLATION OF SPIRIT.

DESTRUCTION OF THE VICTORIAN INDUSTRY.

The conclusions of the Commissioners regarding the above industry are as follow:—

1. That since the passing of the Commonwealth tariff there has been a total cessation of whisky distillation in Victoria, resulting in the closing of three large and important distilleries, in which capital to the amount of £220,000 has been invested, and in throwing a number of hands out of employment.

2. That one cause of the stoppage of the Victorian whisky distilleries has been the relative increase of excise duties and consequent reduced protection by 3s per gallon on malt whisky and 1s per gallon on blended whisky. Another factor has been the increased production of n.e.i. spirit in New South Wales and Queensland, much of which has been transferred to Victoria.

3. That there was a considerable increase in the importation of spirits from beyond the seas in the years 1900, 1901, and 1902, a marked decrease in the years 1903 and 1904, and in 1905 a small increase, as compared with 1899.

4. That there has been a fair increase in the production of brandy in Victoria; that there has been a substantial increase in the production of brandy in South Australia, and that the general distillation of brandy has commenced in New South Wales, where it was never carried on before.

5. That there has been an enormous increase in the production of spirits from molasses in New South Wales and Queensland.

6. That the increased excise on Victorian whisky has prevented it from competing successfully with cheap and inferior spirit.

7. That some of the cheap and inferior spirit has been sold in the condition in which it has been imported, whilst the balance has been blended in Australia, partly with other imported spirit and partly with Australian white spirit distilled from molasses and other cheap material.

COMPETITION WITH IMPORTED SPIRITS.

8. That the distillers of spirit in Australia are, in competing with imported spirit, at a great disadvantage in the following respects:—(a) In the higher price which they have to pay for labour in Australia compared with the labour in European countries, although labour does not enter largely into the actual process of distillation. (b) In the local prejudice against Australian products with which they have to contend. (c) In their inability to dispose of the by-products of distillation to advantage. (d) The larger output and constant working of distilleries in Great Britain and on the Continent, enabling their owners to reduce the average cost of production and to send their surplus stocks to Australia. (e) British allowance and German bonus on export of spirit. (f) Competition of spirits made from the best and most expensive materials in Australia with spirits made from potatoes, beet, and other cheap and inferior materials in other countries.

9. That in order to equalise the condition of competition in the struggle between the better qualities of Australian spirit and inferior imported spirit, it is necessary that there should be a substantial difference between the Customs duty on the imported article and the excise duty on the local article; that, at the same time, there should be relative equality of opportunity and competition among Australian products, and that cheaply-produced spirits should not be allowed to supersede superior high-class spirits; that cheaply-produced spirits should pay a higher excise duty than more expensive spirits; that spirits produced from molasses at 9d and 1s per gallon should not be allowed to kill out the distillation of whisky from barley malt, which costs from 3s 6d to 4s per gallon; and that the consumption of cheap and inferior spirits should not be encouraged at the expense and sacrifice of spirits of higher grade, quality, and price.

ADJUSTMENT OF EXCISE AND IMPORT DUTIES.

10. That excise as well as import duties should be so adjusted as to secure something like fairness and equality of competition.

11. That there is no reason why brandy distilled from grape wine should be so greatly favoured as to be subject to an excise duty less by 2s per gallon than malt whisky, seeing that there is the risk and possibility that such preference may enable brandy spirit to be highly rectified and turned into an imitation whisky artificially flavoured and coloured.

12. That the excise duties should be differentiated according to—1, materials of origin; 2, mode of distillation; 3, alcoholic strength; 4, the time which distilled spirits are kept under excise supervision for the purpose of ageing and maturing and for certification of quality.

13. That spirits distilled under strict excise supervision, and proved to be produced from superior and expensive materials, such as grape, wine and barley malt, by approved methods of distillation, which guarantee them to be free from illegitimate manipulation and "doctoring," and certified by a Government analyst to be pure and true, should be charged less excise duty than spirits which do not comply with those conditions.

14. That, beyond all reasonable doubt, raw spirits are injurious, and they improve in quality and value by being allowed to age and mature before going into consumption. We approve of the principle of the Canadian and late Victorian laws, that no spirits, whether imported or of local origin, should be allowed to be removed from Customs or Excise control until after the expiration of a sufficient time for distillation. Power should also be given to the Customs and Excise authorities to seize and denature spirits proved to be dangerous to health and unfit for consumption.

SUPERIORITY OF THE POT-STILL.

15. That the evidence is strongly in favour of the superiority of the pot-still as a machine for the distillation of brandy, whisky, and rum; but, on the other hand, there is evidence that the patent still may be so worked and regulated as to produce the same alcoholic distillate as the pot-still. In view of this conflict of opinion we cannot undertake to say that preference should be given solely to pot-still spirits, but we suggest that it be given to spirits the produce of the pot-still or of any similar process yielding substantially the same results as the pot-still. By this provision the product of the patent still will not be excluded from the preference which we are prepared to recommend. If so managed as to yield spirit of a low alcoholic strength, retaining natural ethers and characteristics, the patent still will not be disqualified.

16. That brandy and whisky distilled at an alcoholic strength not exceeding 35 degrees overproof, should, in the scheme of excise duties receive a distinct advantage over spirits distilled at a higher strength.

17. That a true brandy is a spirit derived solely from grape wine, and a true whisky is a spirit derived from barley malt; but the usage of trade now recognises the brandy of commerce, which is a blend consisting of a percentage of grape-wine spirit, the product of a separate distillation, mixed with spirit derived from other materials and independently distilled; that the whisky of commerce is a blend consisting of a percentage of malt spirit, the product of a separate distillation, mixed with grain spirit independently distilled.

BLENDED SPIRITS.

18. That no spirit should be recognised as a blended brandy unless it contains at least 25 per cent. of grape-wine spirit, the product of a separate distillation at a low alcoholic strength; and that no spirit should be regarded as blended whisky unless it contains at least 25 per cent of spirit derived from malted barley, the product of a separate distillation at a low alcoholic strength.

19. That, with respect to spirit imported in bulk and proved to the satisfaction of the Minister to be at least two years old, there should be an allowance of Customs duty for underproof similar to the allowance of excise duty on locally produced spirits. By so doing bottling of imported spirits in bond would be encouraged, and there would be inducement to import spirit of good quality in preference to raw and low-class spirit, and if necessary to store such spirit for a sufficient time to allow it to mature without being penalised. Australian spirit would not suffer in competition with such spirit, as it does at present with the raw, cheap, and inferior spirit, of which complaint has been made.

20. That we do not approve of the proposal to amend the Distillation Act, 1901, sec. 40, by allowing gin and rum to be reduced in strength from 25 degrees underproof to 35 degrees underproof.

21. That, in order to restrict, if not to prevent, the sale and traffic in sham and fraudulent spirits, provision should be made under the Commerce Act to the effect that no spirit shall be imported into or exported from the Commonwealth, or be transferred from one State to another, unless in bottles, cases, casks, or vessels upon which there are labels or inscriptions plainly printed or marked, stating the materials from which such spirits have been distilled; and imposing severe penalties on those who give false descriptions of such spirits; that labels or inscriptions identical in terms with those on the original packages shall be placed on every bottle, cask, or vessel into which such spirit may be placed for sale. The Parliament of the Commonwealth has no control over an article once it has become merged in the general commerce of a State, but representations may be made to the several State Governments with a view to the enactment of uniform laws dealing with the subject, so framed as to prevent the sale within the limits of any State of sham and fraudulent spirits.

AMENDMENT OF DISTILLATION ACT.

22. That the Distillation Act, 1901, sec. 48, should be amended in the direction, suggested by a Brisbane merchant, by providing that on the sale in bond of casks or cases containing spirit, the purchaser may, if he think fit, erase the name of the original distiller previously marked on such casks or cases, and place his own trade name and mark thereon, provided that the bond number of such cask or case be preserved undefaced, and that words are placed on them showing that the contents were made in Australia. This would tend to promote trade, without endangering the revenue or destroying the evidence of identification necessary whilst the spirit is in bond and the duty unpaid.

23. That the present method of determining the strength of spirits by Sykes' hydrometer in the case of clear spirit, and by actual distillation tests where the spirit is obscured by colouring or by sweetening matter, or otherwise, is a just and reasonable one, and that the revenue would suffer if average allowance for obscuration were permitted.

24. That the methods of gauging imported spirit by rod measurement, and Australian-made spirit by actual scale weighing, although apparently inconsistent, are the best and most practical that have yet been devised, and that no alteration is possible.

WINE-GROWING INDUSTRY.

FORTIFYING AUSTRALIAN WINES.

The Commissioners recommend:—

1. That the excise duty on spirit for fortifying Australian wine be reduced from 1s to 6d per proof gallon.

2. That section 58 of the Distillation Act be amended by repealing the following words:—"And of the strength of at least 30 degrees above proof in the case of wine spirit, and of at least 60 degrees above proof in the case of any other spirit."

3. That Australian wines may, under excise supervision, be fortified up to the strength of 40 per cent.

4. That upon the export of Australian wines a drawback of duty paid on any Australian spirit used for fortifying such wines shall be allowed under excise supervision.

5. That action be taken to secure uniform compliance with the requirements of the Distillation Act in the several States.

SALE OF IMMATURE WINES.

The question of preventing immature wines going into consumption in Australia received the careful consideration of the Commission. It was, however, deemed impracticable to secure this by Commonwealth administration without prescribing excise regulations which would be detrimental to the industry.

It is recommended that representations be made to the Governments of the several States to take steps to ensure that all wines offered for sale to the public shall be of a necessary degree of wholesomeness.

Messrs. J. S. Clemons and Geo. W. Wamsley dissent from recommendation 3, believing the strength allowed by section 58 of the Distillation Act to be sufficiently high.

INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL.

METHYLATED SPIRITS GENERALLY.

The Commissioners recommend:—

1. That the import duty on methylated spirit of a strength not less than 65 per cent. overproof, and methylated in a manner satisfactory to a Commonwealth analyst, be reduced to 6d per gallon.

2. That spirit of not less than 65 per cent. overproof produced within the Commonwealth, when methylated in bond, be free.

3. That methylated spirit of less than 65 per cent. overproof shall not be manufactured within the Commonwealth.

4. That approved methylic alcohol and all approved methylating or denaturing agents shall be free for use in bond, or on the premises of licensed methylators, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed.

5. That a registration fee of 1d per gallon be payable upon all locally manufactured methylated spirit; such fee to be paid by means of adhesive revenue stamps affixed to all vessels in such manner as may be prescribed.

SPIRITS TO BE OF THREE CLASSES.

That methylated spirit be of three classes:—(a) "Industrial" spirit, for use in the arts or manufactures (except of food, drinks, scents, essences, or tinctures), to be completely denatured by the general agent, i.e., 2 per cent. of wood naphtha, with ½ per cent. of pyridine liquid. (b) "Mineralised" spirit, for domestic lighting and heating and for power purposes, to be completely denatured by the addition of 1 per cent. of wood naphtha, ½ per cent. pyridine, and from 2 to 20 per cent. of benzine and ½ per cent. of aniline violet or blue dye. (c) Spirit for special manufacture may be denatured upon the premises where it is to be used or upon the premises of a licensed methylator by such special denaturing agents as may be prescribed by regulation to be approved of by Parliament, which regulation shall not be altered, added to, or amended except by the same authority.

That regulation be prescribed relative to the minimum strength below which it shall be unlawful to sell "industrial" or "mineralised" spirit; the licensing of methylators and vendors of "industrial" spirit, and the licensing of methylators, vendors (wholesale and retail) of "mineralised" spirit, provision being made that "industrial" spirit shall not be sold other than by a distiller or a licensed methylator; the quantity which may be stored and sold by wholesale and retail dealers respectively; the keeping of records by all distillers, licensed methylators, and dealers; the storing in separate stores or bonds of the methylated spirit or methylating agents at the distilleries; premises of licensed methylators or the works where the spirit is used; providing that spirits specially denatured shall only be allowed for the manufacture of fine chemicals and pharmaceutical products where such manufacture is kept entirely separate from the manufacture of tinctures and other preparations in which spirit remains as spirit in the finished product.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. SCANTLEBURY.

PREVALENCE OF GOLD STEALING.

ALARMING STATEMENTS.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Thursday.

Mr. J. E. Scantlebury, editor of the "British Australasian," who has just completed an inspection of the leading mines of the State, was interviewed in Kalgoorlie to-day. He has had special facilities afforded him during his stay in the State to inquire into the conditions under which the gold industry is carried on. He speaks hopefully of the future. "Yes," said Mr. Scantlebury, "Western Australian mining appears very prosperous, and the superficial appearances I have noted have not been belied by the personal inspection underground. The mines of Kalgoorlie not only contain the greatest amount of wealth for acreage allowed, but I find them to-day the best equipped, most automatically handled, and ablest managed gold-producing properties in the world. Their lives are beyond measurable distance. The results obtained by the Great Boulder, and more recently by the Lake View Consols, indicate as nearly as anything can be determined that Kalgoorlie chutes will live down. The Oroya Brown Hill lode is a bonanza, the true value of which can only be realised by a visit underground, and close application to the plans showing the course. A study of it convinces me that the practically vertical chutes found in Kalgoorlie mines will live down to possibly even greater depths than those found in New Chum Railway Mine, at Bendigo, which is being worked at 4000 feet."

Commenting on gold stealing from the mines, which he described as Kalgoorlie's greatest curse, Mr. Scantlebury made some startling assertions. He premised his revelations by stating that he had made the fullest inquiries concerning the practice, quietly pursuing investigations in directions from sources which surprised certain authorities. He said that it had become an established industry, protected by a gold-stealing ring, in which miners played an important, but not the most important, part. "The practice of filching gold is regarded as a miner's privilege. Men who would not be guilty of stealing a pennyworth of anything else do not hesitate to take gold from the mother earth. The policy of hush and silence is backed up by the apathy of the authorities. The only people ignorant of this wholesale plundering are the shareholders, to whom the stolen gold rightly belongs. Detection appears to be everywhere discouraged. Convictions are difficult, and in most cases impossible. Punishment is farcical, and dismissals, by way of appeal and evidence of previous respectability, are numerous. Banks, the Chamber of Mines, directors, and even the Western Australian branch of the Imperial Mint are all more or less indirectly responsible for what is going on. Anybody can steal gold and sell it to the Perth Mint without incriminating questions being asked. The result is that this institution (and I say it on the authority of the chief warden of the goldfields and the local chief of police, and as the result of my own investigation) is the biggest illicit buyer of gold in this State. The banks are the principal receivers of stolen gold, and I presume that the laxity of the law and lucrativeness of the business is their defence, and that detection is not their business. Anyhow, it is time this ever-increasing crime was minimised, if not entirely eradicated. It is growing because of co-operation.

"The warden estimates the losses by gold stealing from local mines at upwards of one million pounds sterling per annum. The chief of police admits that they are enormous, and it is admitted by all that they are prodigious. The law, however, is defied by the gold thieving ring, and the police are handicapped by facilities given to offenders dodging conviction. They are humiliated by trivial fines and the light sentences imposed. They are disheartened by the sympathy extended to the evildoers, and generally disgusted with the result of their efforts. As a remedy I would suggest the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the extent of these gold robberies, and report as to the best means of stamping them out. There should also be created, as in South Africa, a gold-stealing detection department, the officials connected with which should devote the whole of their time to detecting this sort of crime."

Mr. Scantlebury left for Perth this evening. He is returning to the eastern States by the next mail steamer.

THE LAUNDRY INDUSTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I crave space in your valuable journal to answer the letter of your correspondent Mr. F. Schliemann, the president of the New South Wales Laundry Association. Mr. Schliemann suggests that because Mr. John Barber, the president of the Laundry Employees' Union, answered him by a very able letter appearing in your journal of the 21st instant, I, the secretary, am defeated. Now, Sir, I claim that while the association and a few of the outside employers may have defeated these poor unfortunate sweated workers from obtaining justice in the Arbitration Court, neither Mr. Schliemann nor his association has any hope of defeating the body of workers and myself who are fighting for a chance to obtain justice for these unfortunate workers in this industry while we have the Sydney Labour Council and its large body of members, numbering thousands, to assist us to fight in our efforts to put an end to the sweating conditions under which the workers in this and other industries have to work. Your correspondent again dwells on the matter of good wages paid to collar and cuff and shirt ironers. Will he deny the sworn evidence of the girls who told the Court that they were only paid 1s and 1s 3d per dozen, and that the highest wages they were paid was 15s 4d per week, and that folders, machinists, and general hands were engaged at from 7s to 8s per week, but that instead of getting these small amounts they only received from 3s 6d to 8s. Many of them who are paid the latter rate, who have been in the industry for many years, have to food and clothe themselves and pay for their room out of the small wage of 8s. We challenge your correspondent to disprove these statements, either by allowing the matter to go before the Court, or we will make the necessary arrangements for a commission to sit in the Trades Hall to inquire into the whole matter, and by that means let the public see who are the fair and humane employers, and who are the sweaters. We are confident that it will then be shown that the remarks made by Mr. Riley were none too strong in this matter.

Your correspondent complains of Mr. John Barber being only a carter, and upon that account he suggests that he does not know of the inner workings of a laundry. That may be so, but what he does know is that there are hundreds of poor girls working in this industry who do not earn sufficient to keep them in decent food and clothing, also that we are being continually asked by these poor unfortunate workers to do something for them by way of improving their working conditions. The writer claims to have worked in the washhouse of one of these laundries, and has seen the inner workings of the same, and claims that he saw enough while so engaged to satisfy him that the conditions under which these poor unfortunate workers had to exist were a disgrace to the industry.

Your correspondent suggests that the girl who said she worked every night in the week until 10 o'clock, and then was only paid one shilling for overtime in addition to the scanty wage of 8s, should have acquainted the factory inspector of the fact. Now, Sir, Mr. Schliemann ought to know that if that or any other girl had informed the inspector there would be very little hope of her obtaining any further employment in a laundry, and she would be treated in the same manner as those girls that recently gave evidence in the Arbitration Court. Your correspondent admits that his association is in sympathy with 48 hours as a week's work. This we admit, and we also say that the majority of the members of his association were in favour of the hours set out in the industrial agreement, as can be proved upon reading the sworn evidence of the members of his association. In conclusion, we challenge Mr. Schliemann and his association to allow the matter to be referred to the Court of Arbitration, and by that means let the public see who are the fair and who are the sweating employers.

I am, etc.,

H. A. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary,
Laundry Employees' Union of N.S.W.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

NARRABRI REQUIREMENTS.

SEPARATE LAND BOARD.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

At a public meeting held at the Town Hall last night, the Mayor presiding, the resolutions were carried unanimously, and with much enthusiasm, asking that Narrabri, being the centre of the Western division, should be made a separate land board district, to include the districts of Gunnedah, Coonabarabran, Walgett, and Narrabri, and deciding to form a deputation to wait upon the Minister in reference to the matter. The meeting also heartily approved of the action of the Minister for Lands in instructing the district surveyor to prepare a report upon Killarney holding, with a view to acquiring the same for closer settlement, and requested the deputation to urge the Minister to acquire the holding.

Another resolution, requesting the establishment of a Circuit Court at Narrabri, was also carried unanimously.

THE NARROMINE-TOMINGLEY RAILWAY.

PEAK HILL, Thursday.

The official report of the proposed railway from Narromine to Tomingley has been received. The estimated cost to construct 35 miles is set down at £111,000. Public meetings are to be held urging the Minister to submit in the early part of next session a resolution referring the proposed railway to the Public Works Committee.

FATAL FALL DOWN A WELL.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

A fatal accident happened to Thomas Walter Harper, aged 13 years, at the old steam laundry premises in High-street this afternoon. Deceased, with a number of companions, was playing on the premises, and was getting into the building, in which was a disused well, 60ft deep. The little fellow lifted one of the planks covering the well, when he slipped and disappeared. After a lapse of nearly an hour the body was recovered with grappling irons. It was found that the neck had been broken and the skull fractured by the timber crosspieces in the well. The deceased boy lived with his mother at Oakhampton, his father being dead.

STORY OF A PIONEER.

DENILQUIN, Thursday.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Gibson was held yesterday. The deceased had been a resident of the district about 60 years. Arriving here almost in a destitute condition, owing to a robbery aboard the ship, he quickly selected a splendid farm near Finley. Latterly he retired on a competency, possessing choice business premises and dwellings in Deniliquin, besides farming properties. Deceased was 70 years of age, and leaves a grown-up family of three daughters and two sons.

LIBEL ACTION BY A POLICEMAN.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The District Court was opened yesterday, before Judge Gibson. Constable Biddle, of Grafton police force, sued the proprietors of the Grafton "Argus" for libel, claiming £200 damages. Mr. Sheridan, instructed by Mr. M'Guren, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Browning, instructed by Mr. Lobban, for the defendants. The libel complained of was in two articles in the defendants' paper, which charged the plaintiff and another constable with brutally illusing two persons who were creating a disturbance. This was denied by the police. The publication of the first article caused an inquiry and a prosecution to be made against the two police, but resulted in their being acquitted. Defendants then published a second article severely commenting on the proceedings at the police court hearing. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for £50, with costs on the higher scale.

LABOUR SUPPLY.

INVERELL, Thursday.

Owing to the high price of tin ore, the companies employing labour find a great difficulty in getting men. The Conrad Consolidated Company, Howell, are bringing a number from Ballarat. Thirty-two of these men arrived yesterday, and went on to Howell to-day.

SPORTS MEETINGS.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

Sports were held yesterday in aid of the syllabus fund of the Public school at Woodfield. Results:—

Opening Bicycle Handicap, ½m.—F. Rowley, 50yds, 1; D. Poole, scratch, 2.

Handicap Footrace, 100yds.—A. E. Moore, 14yds, 1; H. Land, 8yds, 2.

Lady's Bicycle Race, ½m.—Lizzie Bingley, 15yds, 1; Laura Mayo, 15yds, 2. In this event Lizzie Mayo received a severe fall, being rendered unconscious for some time.

Woodfield Bicycle Handicap, ½m.—D. Poole, 10yds, 1; A. Bingley, 70yds, 2; J. Butts, 30yds, 3. A capital race, Poole just squeezing home by half a wheel.

Girls' Footrace.—K. M'Innes.

Tilting the ring on a Bicycle.—D. Poole.

High Jump.—J. W. Butt.

Hunters' Contest.—G. Griffith's Spot, 1; H. Swan's Wild Rose, 2.

Lady's Race.—Mrs. A. E. Swan, 1; Miss Cartwright, 2.

RICHMOND, Thursday.

The annual sports meeting of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College Old Boys' Union took place yesterday at the college oval, and was a great success. There were 147 competitors, including some new students. The prizes were distributed by the principal, who congratulated the students upon the exceptionally fine form displayed. The following are the results:—

100yds Championship.—G. L. Brown, 1; Boydall, 2.

120yds Handicap.—Hedley, 1; Woodburn and Ross (dead heat), 2.

120yds Hurdle Race.—Williamson, 1; Landesbut, 2.

Kicking Football.—F. L. Ross, 64ft, 1; Thompson, 2.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Giles, 111yds 2ft, 1; Major, 2.

Sack Race.—H. A. Scott.

440yds Handicap.—F. L. Ross, 1; Williamson, 2; Chaffey, 3.

Carry-your-chum.—Headley and Chapman, 1; Dougal and Croll, 2.

Long Jump.—G. L. Brown, 17ft 7½in, 1; Williamson, 2.

Tug-of-war.—Lecture students beat Specials.

220yds Handicap.—Headley, 1; Brown, 2; Williamson, 3.

High Jump.—Barlow, 5ft 1½in, 1; Brown and Williamson (dead heat), 2.

Siamese Race.—Traill and Chapman, 1; Wren and Rogers, 2.

Mile Handicap.—Evans, 1; Chaffy, 2; Arnold, 3.

Obstacle Race.—Langlands, 1; Owen, 2.

Officers' Race.—Mr. C. Potts, 1; Mr. Reay, 2.

Old Boys' Race.—E. D. Brown.

Championship of the Day.—G. Brown and N. Williamson equal, with 10 points each.

MUNICIPAL.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

At a meeting of the West Wyalong Progress Committee steps were taken with a view to West Wyalong being incorporated as a borough or municipality. This action has been taken partly on account of the unsatisfactory manner in which the boundaries of the ridings have been arranged. Many people are of opinion that such an important and large rate-producing centre would suffer by being brought under the operation of the shire council.

Owing to representations made by the committee through Mr. A. J. Kelly, M.L.A., an important alteration in the location of the police station buildings has been brought about.

THE HOSPITALS.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

A number of typhoid fever patients from Crookwell are being treated in the hospital. Two patients from that district have succumbed.

CASINO, Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Rankin died suddenly yesterday from apoplexy.

FORBES, Thursday.

Mr. B. Lindsay, draughtsman for five years at the local Lands Office, was presented with a travelling bag and golfer's outfit by the staff yesterday. He has been promoted to Wagga. Mrs. Lindsay was presented with a purse of sovereigns at the residence of Major O'Brien, in the presence of a large number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay were active members of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Lindsay having been secretary to the church committee for several years.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.

Mr. R. McKay, of the Works Department, is to deliver an address on "Water Conservation and Irrigation" in Gundagai on Saturday evening, June 2.

In the afternoon of the same day the Minister (Mr. Ashton) is to address the residents here.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

It has been reported from Wolgan that a man has been lost there. Police from Sunny Corner, Wallerawang, Hartley Vale, and other places are out searching.

PORTLAND, Thursday.

The rifles for the local club arrived, and were distributed on Saturday. The range will be opened for practice on June 2.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Anderson, sen., died to-day, aged 70. He had been a resident of the district for nearly 40 years.

To Preserve your Hair.—Rowland's Macassar Oil is the best preparation you can use. Nourishes and beautifies it, and without it the hair becomes dry, thin, and withered. Unsurpassed for 120 years. Also in a golden colour for fair or grey hair. Ask Stores and Chemists for Rowland's Macassar Oil.—Advt.

Unequalled and Invincible for Coughs and Colds.—Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Court of Quarter Sessions was concluded to-day, when two appeals from magisterial decisions were upheld by Judge Fitzhardinge.

Daniel M'Auliffe, licensee of the Great Britain Hotel, Scott-street, Newcastle, appealed against his conviction by Mr. M. S. Love, S.M., at the Newcastle Police Court on March 12 for having on a Sunday illegally permitted a person to be found on his premises. Mr. Tighe, instructed by Mr. T. D. O'Sullivan, appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Armstrong in support of the conviction. The evidence of Ryan, the man found on the premises, which was not given at the police court, showed that he had gone into the hotel to inquire if anyone had left money for him, and had left the hotel without having a drink. This evidence was corroborated by the licensee's wife. His Honor said that in the light of this additional evidence, which he must accept, he would uphold the appeal, without costs.

There was an appeal by Robert William Chisholm against an order made by Mr. Scott, S.M., for the maintenance of his wife, Elizabeth Chisholm. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Cowan (instructed by Mr. W. A. Reid) for the respondent. His Honor held that when the husband left for Queensland he did so with the consent of his wife. She had not been illegally deserted; on her own evidence she refused to live with him. The respondent said that she would now be willing to do so if he led a different life. His Honor upheld the appeal without costs.

EXPORTS BY SEA.

The following were to-day's clearances:—Wonga Fell, s, for Port Pirie, via Sydney, with 3880 tons coal; Moeraki, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1550 tons coal, 35 tons coke, 950 felloes, quantity timber; Tiberius, s, for Singapore, Samarang, and Brisbane, with 6930 tons coal; Champigny, four-masted bq, for Valparaiso, with 2760 tons Brown's coal; Ben Dearg, ship, for Valparaiso, with 3630 tons Brown's coal; Chelmsford, four-masted barque, for Junin, with 3765 tons Wallsend coal; Glenesslin, ship, for Antofagasta, with 2595 tons A. A. Company's coal.

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council, the Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders' Society was admitted to membership, with Messrs. Henry Paynter, James Court, and Albert Rich as delegates. Much satisfaction was expressed at the advent of this new iron trade, it being the third in this class of industry for the present year. It was stated that the Iron Moulders might shortly join, which would complete the whole of the iron trades.

Mr. J. C. Watson, M.P., forwarded a letter which he had received from the Prime Minister's secretary, to the effect that the matter of the appointment of a Judge to transact the business provided under the Federal Arbitration Act had been referred to the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth.

Attention was called to trouble in the carpentering trade in Queensland with regard to the hours of labour and rates of pay. It was asked that the carpenters in this State should be warned against accepting employment there.

Reference was made to the action of the Railway Commissioners in dispensing with the services of a number of employees on the grounds of the reduction of the staff. It was stated that when these men had applied for re-employment they were informed that the grounds of their being dispensed with were those of alleged incompetence, and it was mentioned that a stigma like this resting upon them injured their prospects of employment elsewhere. The council decided to refer the whole matter to the Parliamentary Labour party, with the request that they should make an effort to obtain an inquiry, in the hope of bringing about a more equitable system in dealing with employees.

ADMISSION OF SOLICITORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Having followed the correspondence in your journal, and carefully considered the petition by the Law Institute to their Honors the Supreme Court Judges for the repeal of the rule as to admission of managing clerks, I kindly ask, as one who gave up reading for the law matriculation on the introduction of the rule by our respected Judges, to be heard. I have been a managing law clerk, in charge of an office of a staff of 10, for the past four years, during which time I have read under a barrister in anticipation of being allowed to sit for the examinations. Further, I was allowed to attend certain lectures under the supervision of the University. If this rule is repealed, how harshly it will operate on many others, who are likewise situated. I am confident that their Honors will not hearken to the prayer of the Law Institute. As to the wording of the petition, this can be safely left in the hands of those to whom it is directed—the Judges. But in passing one cannot think that a most unjust insult has been cast on law clerks other than those who are under articles. How many of the large offices can thank their staff for their success? I am confident the right-minded principals will not sign this petition. In conclusion, one might wonder if we are living in a country of democracy. Seeing our public men have all urged the young men to climb to the top of the tree—are a great number now to be prevented from so doing on account of the uncalled-for action of the Law Institute? I am, etc.,

May 24. JUSTICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A letter appeared in Wednesday's "Herald" over the signature of "Managing Clerk," conveying forcibly his views of the action taken by the Law Institute in presenting a petition to the Supreme Court, praying that the general rule, 428 (F) and (G), relating to the eligibility of managing clerks for admission as solicitors be repealed.

I cannot say I hold the same views as "Managing Clerk." True we have been living in different spheres—he in the atmosphere of the law, I in the atmosphere of commercial life—and a client at various times, when I have had to breathe the legal atmosphere which even at this moment makes me shiver when I think of the experience I gained.

The view which I hold is that the Law Institute should use every effort to make the legal fraternity as sound in law and as honourable as its power will permit. I may say I have had a fair amount of experience in law, and had many interviews with the so-called managing clerks, who to my mind (and I am speaking from my own experience) have no power to act or give an opinion without it being explained to the principal. It would appear to me the chief duty of a managing clerk is to make up the bills of costs. This he can do in a manner that suprises the ordinary commercial man. That is his chief duty, so far as my experience goes. I am not going to say there are not men who read and study with a view of advancement from the position of managing clerk. These men could pass an examination no doubt if called upon to do so, and I think every managing clerk should be compelled to pass the examination so as to safeguard the interests of their clients.

I have had the misfortune to engage one of these gentlemen in my time who passed from the managing position to a full plumed solicitor, and my experience of his ability was, and is, that if he was the only man available in the country I would not have him. Therefore, all my experience leads me to say the Law Institute is right in their contention, and I trust the Judge of the Court will grant their request. "Managing Clerk" states there are 956 solicitors on the rolls. What puzzles me is, how do they all live; but I suppose some of the public know.

I am, etc.,

May 24. DEVOIR.

ASTHMA CAN BE CURED.

A NOTED PHYSICIAN WILL PROVE THIS TO SUFFERERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

The astonishing statement that Asthma can be cured, coming from so well-known authority as Dr. Rudolph Schiffmann, will be of interest to asthma sufferers. The experience of most Asthmatics has been that little of any relief has been afforded them by the methods heretofore employed, and, in fact, the disease has up to now been regarded as incurable. This noted physician has, however, after a lifelong study of Asthma and kindred diseases, discovered a remedy which not only instantly relieves the severest cases of Asthma and Bronchitis, but has actually cured thousands whose cases had been pronounced incurable. So complete is Dr. Schiffmann's confidence in his remedy that he requests this paper to announce that he offers to send a liberal sample package of "Schiffmann's Asthma Cure" free of charge to all persons sending him their name and address, plainly written on a post-card, within the next four days.

He believes that an actual test will be the most convincing, and in fact the only way to overcome the natural prejudice of thousands of Asthmatics who have heretofore sought relief in vain. Although most chemists in Australasia have sold his Asthma Cure ever since it was introduced to the public, still the Doctor fears there are some persons who have never heard of it, and it is with a view to reaching these that he makes this liberal offer.

An opportunity to test, without cost, a remedy so celebrated and promising so much certainly should be eagerly grasped by every sufferer.

Address Dr. R. Schiffmann's Depot, Nos. 5 and 7 Barrack-street, Sydney.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The outer half of the Randwick middle grass track was in use yesterday morning, and appeared to be in excellent order for fast work it having been improved by the light rains that fell on the previous day. The weather was dull and threatening, but only a couple of very light squalls came up during working hours. The Castaway and Lochino opened the ball with six furlongs in 1m 20½s, a distance which St. Patrick and Scapegrace ran out together in 1m 23s. Oblivion travelled a mile and a quarter at a stout working pace, and was accompanied over the last mile by the steeplechaser Kaffir. Heracles and Red Flag were on terms at the end of a mile, run in 1m 51s, a distance which Refrain, who had the assistance of Protector over the last six furlongs, covered in 1m 50½s, while Chamberlain spent 1m 54s over a like trip. Lady Metal was not extended to run over five furlongs in 1m 8s, and Hanseen covered seven in 1m 41s. Kirrinnor was on the easy list, but Mentmore ran a mile in 1m 50½s, beating a companion. Mervale and Ruedice were much too good for The State in a six furlong bout, which occupied 1m 24s, and Binnia covered nine furlongs in 2m 8½s. With the wind behind them, Condor and Contort ran up half a mile along the back in 52s, and Good Bell beat Hindoo Blue over seven furlongs in 1m 36s. Victoria Cross knocked off five furlongs in 1m 8s, and Mainspring six in 1m 24s. Mount Dane and Conne were together at the end of six furlongs, run in 1m 23s, which was a second slower than Vanadium and Talofa made for a similar distance, and Friend ran five in 1m 9½s. Becky did an easy task, as did Famous, Loves, Mack, Florette, and Little Tich, the last-named of whom looks remarkably improved after a rest of nearly a year. Westmead ran a mile comfortably in 1m 55s, and Clonsilla, keeping wide, ran seven furlongs in 1m 38s. Never Mind beat Mortimer over six furlongs in 1m 23½s, and, pulling up over the last furlong, Byton and Paree accounted for a mile in 1m 55s. Isos ran the mile course in 1m 53½s, and Hollette badly beat Ruffian over six furlongs in 1m 21½s.

With reference to the advertisement and paragraph in yesterday's "Herald," stating that the officers and men of the Japanese squadron had accepted an invitation to be present at the Ascot races on Saturday, Mr. G. Rowe, the secretary of the Rosehill Racing Club, writes that on the 18th inst. he invited his Excellency Rear-Admiral Shimamura and his officers to be present at the Rosehill meeting to-morrow. Mr. Rowe was informed, however, that the Admiral was giving an at home on the flagship on that day, and neither he nor any of his officers could be present. On seeing the Ascot Racing Club's advertisement yesterday, Mr. Rowe waited on the Acting Consul-General for Japan, and was again told that no officers could be spared, and that only the men were going to Ascot.

An exchange states that the Escutcheon—Bush Fire mare, Red Hot, who started at the recent Forbes and Parkes meetings, is to be sent to the stud, and will visit the Positano horse Warroo.

The following names have been claimed for the undermentioned yearlings:—Grafton—Maybe colt, Assumption; Orzil—Betsy colt, Odin; Russley—Footfall colt, Peter Pan; Maltster—Loch Lava colt, Maltine; Wallace—Bonnie Rosette colt, Mountain King; Maltster—Lovelock filly, Confetti; Orzil—Infanta filly, Orlet.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the New South Wales Trotting Club has been compelled to further postpone its meeting till Tuesday next. All the arrangements made for yesterday will stand good for Tuesday. As first-class nominations have been received, the meeting should in no way suffer from the postponement.

The Ascot Racing Club meeting will be continued to-morrow, the first race starting at 2.15 p.m. For the half-dozen events 103 nominations have been received. Entries for next Wednesday's meeting, particulars of which are advertised, close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, and may be made at the course.

The Sydney rider F. Hickey has gone to Brisbane for the Q.T.C. Autumn Meeting. He will ride Black Donald in the Brisbane Cup, and will have the mount on Calala in the Stradbroke Handicap.

A general meeting of the N.S.W. Pony and Galloway Association was held at the Queen's Hall last evening, and was well attended. Mr. J. Robinson was elected president; Messrs. T. T. Nelson and S. Broomfield, vice-presidents; Mr. D. A. Slattery, treasurer; and Messrs. G. Gallimore, H. G. Kibble, H. England, N. Watterson, H. Miller, R. M'Donald, P. J. Byrne, P. Kemp, M. Anderson, and A. Tweedie, directors.

The bay horse Masuda, by Haut Brion from Katie, also a bay pony, by Cambrian from Exchange, will be offered for sale at Messrs. W. Inglis and Son's bazaar at noon to-day.

Entries for the Rosebery Park pony and galloway meeting to be held on Monday next close to-day.

The weekly pony and galloway meeting of the Epping R.C. will be held to-day. Special trams, in addition to the Forest Lodge, Balmain, and Drummoyne services, will convey visitors to the course.

TAMWORTH RACES POSTPONED.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

Owing to wet weather to-day's races have been postponed till to-morrow.

WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Wanganui Steeplechase resulted as follows:—Eurus, 1; Nadador, 2; and Moccasin, 3. Time, 6m 11s. Totalisator dividends, £2 18s and £3s 5.

EPPING RACES.

Following are the weights for to-day's pony and galloway races at Epping:—

Maiden Handicap, 4f.—Wonga, 9st 5lb; Roulette, 8st 5lb; Moray, 8st 2lb; Exeter, 8st 2lb; The Sinner, 8st; Erin's Isle, 8st; Moira (late Artane), 8st; Emerald, 8st; Miss Eva, 8st; Elschina, 8st; Little Lady, 7st 7lb.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 5½f.—Silver Rose, 9st 6lb; Mora, 8st 13lb; Nellie G., 8st; Merrie Minnie, 7st 13lb; Clarionette, 7st 13lb; The Shanty Belle, 7st 12lb; Luleon, 7st 10lb; Ayr Lassie, 7st 4lb.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4f.—Nellie Saul, 9st 13lb; Indian, 8st 1lb; Kallenite, 7st 6lb; Native, 7st 2lb; Maribelle, 7st; Rotolt, 7st; Spice, 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 4f.—Kola, 11st 11lb; Buttercup, 9st 3lb; Clarena, 7st 11lb; Claretie, 7st 9lb; Marguerite, 7st 9lb; Pearl Beau, 7st 7lb; Orange Rose, 7st; Moss Rose, 7st.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4f.—Mora, 9st 10lb; Mab, 9st 8lb; Merrie Minnie, 8st 12lb; Sweetbriar, 8st 11lb; Tamar, 8st 9lb; Luleon, 8st 6lb; Picotee, 7st 9lb; Ringtail, 7st.

Epping Handicap (15.0), 6f (7st 7lb limit).—Lady Loch, 9st 12lb; Reliance, 8st 5lb; Susin, 8st 4lb; Unseen, 8st 3lb; Miss Alma, 8st 3lb; Elm, 8st 1lb; Mrs. Candle, 7st 13lb; Kilroy, 7st 12lb; Water Witch, 7st 11lb; Freedom, 7st 10lb; La Rose, 7st 7lb; Field Glass, 7st 7lb; Nancy, 7st 7lb.

ROSEBERY PARK RACES.

Following are the weights for the Rosebery Park Racing Club's pony and galloway meeting, which takes place at Kensington to-morrow:—

Novice Handicap, 4½f.—Galtee, 9st 5lb; Miss Noble, 9st; The Flat, 8st 11lb; Gawain, 8st 9lb; Melody, 8st 7lb; Inquisitive, 8st 5lb; Inspector, 8st 2lb; Funny, 8st 2lb; Silver's Progress, 8st; Gainen, 8st; Lady Nepean, 7st 11lb; Bunya, 7st 10lb; King Edward, 7st 10lb; Sprightly, 7st 10lb; Nancey, 7st 10lb.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4½f.—Encourage, 10st; Silver Rose, 9st 7lb; Clare, 9st; Nelly G., 8st 7lb; Sally Manton, 8st; Wee Hill, 7st 12lb; Blarneyette, 7st 10lb; Luleon, 7st 7lb; The Shanty Belle, 7st 2lb; Zanita, 7st; Colours, 7st; Little Lady, 7st.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4½f.—Celia, 9st 10lb; Nellie Saul, 9st 7lb; Marie, 8st 9lb; Indian, 7st 12lb; Kailenite, 7st 6lb; Gip, 7st; Native, 7st; The Last, 7st; Maribelle, 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 5f.—Kola, 10st 9lb; Encourage, 9st; Folly, 8st 5lb; Silver Rose, 8st 4lb; Claretie, 7st 7lb; Orange Rose, 7st.

Trial Handicap, 5f.—Waterwitch, 9st 5lb; Reliance, 8st 12lb; Miss Noble, 8st 10lb; Nestor, 8st 7lb; Bruell, 8st 5lb; Melody, 8st 3lb; Quickness, 7st 13lb; Funny, 7st 12lb; Lady Stockwell, 7st 9lb; Lady Nepean, 7st 9lb; Terrible, 7st 9lb.

Rosebery Park Handicap, 5½f.—Lady Loch, 9st 5lb; Vocalist, 9st; Smart, 8st 4lb; Discord, 7st 12lb; Native Cat, 7st 9lb; Bliss, 7st 9lb; Susin, 7st 8lb; Kilroy, 7st 7lb; Bernice, 7st; Freedom, 7st.

ASCOT RACES.

The following are the handicaps for Saturday's races at Ascot:—

Maiden Handicap, 4½f.—Fiction, 8st; Manstona, 8st 10lb; Fernvilla, 8st 10lb; Eva Loch, 8st 10lb; Kelpie, 8st 10lb; Freda, 8st 10lb; Harry, 8st 8lb; Mona Lilly, 8st 7lb; Chambeau, 8st 5lb; Dexter, 8st 2lb; Opnir Lass, 8st 2lb; The Rush, 8st 2lb; Monkshood, 8st 2lb; Rosebloom, 8st; Elmswood, 8st.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4f.—Piccaninny, 9st 6lb; Miss Moorefield, 9st 4lb; Little Fellow, 8st 8lb; Amanda, 8st 2lb; Silverine, 8st 2lb; Siege Gun, 8st 1lb; Manikin, 7st 12lb; Bay Nell, 7st 12lb; Orange Bud, 7st 10lb; Edensor, 7st 10lb; Rule 60, 7st 10lb; Miss Chetwynd, 7st 5lb; Elector, 7st 3lb; Rocket, 6st 12lb; The Wasp, 6st 10lb; Game Lass, 6st 7lb; Explosion, 6st 7lb; Straight Shot, 6st 7lb; Grafton Boy, 6st 7lb; Little Dot, 6st 7lb.

Ascot All Heights Handicap, 5½f.—Orange, 9st 6lb; Will Manton, 9st 5lb; Opinion, 8st 9lb; Bismark, 8st 9lb; Street Arab, 8st 7lb; The Ace, 8st 5lb; Escape, 8st 4lb; Amber Rose, 8st 2lb; Morok, 8st 2lb; Grafter, 8st 1lb; Adam Bede, 8st; Geraldine, 8st; Cholorine, 7st 12lb; Blue Cap II., 7st 12lb; Cordite, 7st 11lb; Princess May, 7st 11lb; Zealot, 7st 11lb; Sweetheart, 7st 10lb; Impudent, 7st 10lb; Battler, 7st 6lb; Plain Bill, 7st 5lb; The Martin, 7st 3lb; Quality, 7st; Le Var, 7st; Kelp, 6st 10lb; Gundywulk, 6st 7lb; Princess Alba, 6st 7lb; Tonic, 6st 7lb; Maud, 6st 7lb; Fox Tail, 6st 7lb; Fiction, 6st 7lb; Miss Chetwynd, 6st 7lb; Beda, 6st 7lb.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 5½f.—Fuse, 9st; Picaninny, 8st 7lb; Lord Wilton, 8st 6lb; Jimmy B., 8st 5lb; Miss Moorefield, 8st 4lb; Theresa, 8st 4lb; Lady Bird, 7st 10lb; Siege Gun, 7st 2lb; Miss Invader, 7st; Princess Alba, 6st 13lb; Report, 6st 13lb; Dawn, 6st 10lb.

Trial Stakes, 4f.—Cordite, 9st; Lady Gossoon, 8st 11lb; Pretty Holly, 8st 4lb; Charlotte, 8st 2lb; Lady Moorefield, 8st; Yeluscam, 7st 10lb; Mute, 7st 10lb; Pilot Boy (late Son and Heir), 7st 7lb; Cockle Shell, 7st 5lb; Vendetta, 7st 4lb; Chatsam, 7st 4lb; Sportsman, 7st 2lb; Chance, 7st; Lass o' Gowrie, 6st 10lb.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4½f.—Scotch Mixture, 9st 11lb; Honeysuckle, 8st 13lb; Misfire, 8st 10lb; Beauty, 8st 2lb; Isis, 8st; Winifred, 7st 9lb; Silvergrace, 7st; Ave Maria, 7st; Kallatina, 6st 11lb; Banjo, 6st 10lb; Calm, 6st 8lb.

ADELAIDE R.C. BIRTHDAY MEETING.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Following are the final acceptances for the principal events of the A.R.C. Birthday meeting:—

City Handicap, 7f.—Step Out, 10st 5lb; Enigma, 8st 11lb; Red Streak, 8st 7lb; Katoomba, 8st 7lb; Equality, 8st 7lb; Fortune Teller, 8st 5lb; Comedienne, 8st 3lb; Pelicita, 8st; Stray Lad, 7st 12lb; Shimoda, 7st 10lb; Mount Lofty, 7st 10lb; Miss Bobby, 7st 8lb; Spinaway, 7st 8lb; Danny Mann, 7st 6lb; Carlinga, 7st 5lb; Massedelle, 6st 13lb; Spartan, 6st 10lb; Fiction, 6st 7lb; Shimose, 6st 7lb.

Birthday Cup, 1¼m.—Fitness, 9st 7lb; Dynamite, 8st 13lb; Avalon, 8st 7lb; Katoomba, 8st 3lb; Postulate, 8st 3lb; Red Streak, 8st 2lb; Memento, 7st 13lb; Bright Pilgrim, 7st 9lb; Zepho, 7st 9lb; Ganymedes, 7st 8lb; Stray Lad, 7st 7lb; Felicita, 7st 5lb; Miss Bobby, 7st; Carlinga, 6st 12lb; Staccato, 6st 10lb; St. Andrew, 6st 7lb; Shimose, 6st 7lb.

BEGA WINTER MEETING.

BEGA, Thursday.

The following weights have been declared for the winter race meeting on June 4:—

Trail Stakes of 20 sovs, 6f, w.f.a.—Disturbance, 9st; Barbelle, 8st 12lb; Cooper, 8st 11lb; Projector, 8st 11lb; Caesar, 8st 11lb; T.P., 8st 11lb; Wally, 8st 11lb; Mirrooral, 8st 8lb; Tyrone, 8st 8lb; Amiee, 7st 6lb; Hilltop II., 7st 5lb.

Birthday Handicap of 30 sovs, 6f.—Huret Rose, 9st 6lb; Queenlike, 8st 8lb; Previous, 8st 5lb; Caesar, 8st 5lb; Icicle, 8st 5lb; Councillor, 8st 2lb; Woodrose, 8st 2lb; Jingera, 7st 8lb; Delighted, 7st 8lb; Master Cravat, 6st 12lb.

Hurdle Race of 20 sovs, 2m 180yds.—Charles, 11st 5lb; Barbelle, 10st 5lb; Twilight, 10st; Karramba, 9st 12lb; Rajah, 9st 9lb; Bonaparte, 9st 9lb; Clumsy, 9st; Sir Henry, 9st.

Trial Welter Handicap of 20 sovs, 7f.—Jingera, 9st 7lb; Barbelle, 9st 5lb; Disturbance, 9st 3lb; T.P., 9st 3lb; Clumsy, 8st 9lb; Projector, 8st 9lb; Cooper, 8st 7lb; Wally, 8st 7lb; Master Cravat, 8st 7lb; Mirrooral, 8st 7lb; Tyrone, 8st 7lb; Myrtlevale, 8st; Amiee, 8st.

Winter Handicap of 40 sovs, 1m 110yds.—Huret Rose, 8st 5lb; Queenlike, 8st 7lb; Previous, 8st 4lb; Caesar, 8st 4lb; Icicle, 8st 4lb; Councillor, 8st 1lb; Jingera, 7st 7lb; Delighted, 7st 7lb; Twilight, 7st 2lb; T.P., 7st; Projector, 6st 7lb.

WYALONG ODDFELLOWS' RACE MEETING.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

Splendid entries have been received for the principal events in connection with the Oddfellows' race meeting to be run on June 4 and 5. The following horses have been nominated:—

Lady Forrest, Bingle, Beam, Ungarie, Master Patch, High Rock, Lady John, Chatsfield, Granulale, Huret Lad, Arundel, Ballist, Speculation, Hadrurb, Berwick, Fairgambil, Fielder, Peeping Tom, Jorrocks, Murlin, Uba, Marseilles, Lance, Fortress.

SALE OF RACING STOCK.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The annual sale of Mr. Charles Baldwin's Durham Court thoroughbred stock took place to-day. The lots submitted comprised geldings and fillies by Havoc, Port Admiral, Nobleman, Beauchamp, and Sir Tristram. Thirteen lots were submitted, the total sales amounting to £621 12s, averaging £47 16s 3d, which is the best result ever obtained by Mr. Baldwin in Tamworth. Following are particulars of the sales:—Filly by Port Admiral, W. Fletcher, Walcha, 44 guineas; filly by Havoc, C. White, Barraba, 33 guineas; filly by Havoc, D. M'Carthy, Morpeth, 44 guineas; filly by Havoc, R. J. Sweeney, Walcha, 37 guineas; gelding by Havoc, J. L. Cushan, Gunnedah, 31 guineas; gelding by Sir Tristram, J. Carey, Kensington, 52 guineas; filly by Havoc, J. Hall, Manilla, 40 guineas; gelding by Havoc, W. Fletcher, Walcha, 96 guineas (the highest price of the sale); gelding by Havoc, J. R. Gill, Walcha, 31 guineas; filly by Beauchamp, 51 guineas; gelding by Nobleman, F. Marsden, Gunnedah, 45 guineas; gelding by Nobleman, J. W. Rae, Moonbi, 46 guineas; filly by Havoc, D. Cullen, Queensland, 42 guineas.

COURSING.

MOREE COURSING CLUB.

MOREE, Thursday.

A meeting of the Moree Proprietary Coursing Club was held to-day. It rained in the morning, but cleared off in the afternoon, and allowed all events to be run off. Results:—

Gwydir Stakes.—First round: Moerakis beat Keith, Blue Spec beat Wyandra, Constant beat Bagpipes, Grandmaster beat Skidmore, Jessie Low beat Moyne, Good Authority beat Windsor.

First Ties: Blue Spec beat Moerakis, Grandmaster beat Constant, Good Authority beat Jessie Low after an undecided course.

Second ties: Grandmaster beat Blue Spec, Good Authority a bye.

Deciding course: Mr. F. Williams ns b and w d Good Authority, by Braddon's Blot—Goldwing, beat Mr. S. Coulton's r d Grandmaster, full brother to Good Authority.

Novice Stakes.—Emir beat Sport Royal, Tenant Boy beat Niagara, Blunder beat Goldina, Sportive beat Duckwing, Ben beat Drygin, Stately a bye.

First ties: Tenant Boy beat Emir, Blunder beat Sportive, Stately beat Ben.

Second ties: Stately beat Truant Boy, Blunder a bye.

Deciding course: Mr. A. Esther's r and w d Stately, by Majestic—Bouvardia, divided with Mr. W. H. Foxe's w d Blunder, by Leslie—Marvellotte.

Puppy Stakes.—Whipsnake beat Flint Athol, Miss Botheress beat Beta Crusis.

Final: Mr. Coulton's ns b and w b Miss Botheress (Botherina—White Socks) beat Whipsnake, and won.

Supplementary Stakes.—Small Goods beat Keith, Bagpipes beat Wyandra, Skidmore beat Moerakis, Windsor beat Moyle.

First ties: Bagpipes beat Small Goods, Skidmore beat Windsor.

Deciding course: W. Campbell's Bagpipes (Kilmainham—Latest News) beat Skidmore.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

BALMAIN CLUB.

The above club held their first social for the winter season at the Temperance Hall, Balmain, on Wednesday evening. Prizes won in the last two road races were distributed by the patron, Ald. T. F. Minty, as follows:—Five mile road race, run on April 23, first prize, won by P. Shepherd, trophy presented by the club's president, Mr. Geo. Corkhill; second prize, won by S. R. Crook, presented by the club; third prize, won by D. Roberts. Ten mile road race, run on May 22, won by F. Henry, gold medal, presented by the club; second prize, a trophy presented by Mr. W. H. Toose, won by W. R. Park; third prize, presented by the club, won by L. Keepence. Fastest time prize, a trophy presented by the club, won by W. R. Park.

The following eight riders have been selected, of the nine required, for the nomination for the Dunlop teams race:—Messrs. W. R. Park, F. Ray, A. Pontey, R. M. Pontey, T. Rodrick, R. Taylor, W. Lawson, P. Shepherd, the ninth place will be raced for at an early date.

BOTANY BICYCLE CLUB.

The five-mile members road race, which was postponed on 19th inst, owing to the opening run of the N.S.W. Cyclists' Union, will take place to-morrow on the Bunnerong course. The following are the handicaps:—W. Smalley, E. Fazakerley, scr; A. Bridges, A. Simmons, 50s; R. Macfarlane, 55s; S. Goddard, 1m 10s; E. Sutton, A. Hayes, W. Kennedy, 1m 15s; J. Simmons, 1m 20s; D. Dunkerley, 1m 45s.

PIONEER MOTOR CLUB.

A meeting of the above club took place at Edwards' Hotel Chamberlain, Pitt-street, on Tuesday evening. About 18 members were present. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. E. A. Larbalestier; captain, Mr. J. Doherty; sub-captain, Mr. E. Skinner; secretary, Mr. Forest Finlay; treasurer, Mr. A. Mitchell; assistant secretary, Mr. G. F. Hill. A run card for the winter months was made out. Racing rules were also decided upon, and will be submitted for the approval of the League of Wheelmen. A donation of £3 3s was given to the club by the new president to go to the member turning up most frequently at the runs.

The following members entered their names as competitors for to-morrow's two miles handicap track race, which will be decided during the interval of a football match at the Sydney Cricket Ground:—N. Saunders, 5-h.p. Sarolea; E. Edwards, 6-h.p. twin cylinder Peugeot; M. G. Witham, 5-h.p. twin cylinder Orient; A. J. Powell, 4-h.p. Antoine; W. Jarman, 3-h.p. Jarman; F. Daniels, 3-h.p. Buchet; H. J. Woods, 4-h.p. Antoine; J. Lynch, 2½-h.p. F.N.; Forest Finlay, 2½-h.p. Buchet; J. Elliott, 2½-h.p. Antoine; A. Merry, 2½-h.p. Minerva; H. Murray, 3-h.p. Buchet; E. Skinner, 1½-h.p. Motosacoche. The race will start about 3 p.m., and will be run in two heats and a final. The League of Wheelmen officials, with the assistance of the Pioneer Club, will superintend the racing.

THE 24 HOURS' AUSTRALIAN MOTOR RECORD.

The Dunlop Rubber Company adopted a novel idea of testing the relative wearing qualities of certain rubber compounds for motor tyre work on the occasion of the recent successful 24 hours' Australian record. On each of the driving tyres three different rubber compounds were introduced into each wearing tread. After the long and severe drive the difference in quality of the six sections was shown in the wear on the driving treads, thus affording an excellent idea of what compound gives the best result for hard driving on Australian roads.

A NOVEL PETROL ELECTRIC RAILWAY CAR.

The Wolseley Motor Car Company, Alderley Park Works, Birmingham, has recently supplied to an American order the necessary petrol engine equipment for a petrol electric railway car. It was, however, by no merely fortuitous or chance circumstance that such a unique motor was produced, for the Wolseley Company earlier catered for the combined petrol-electrically driven car, having supplied recently a somewhat similar special equipment to the North-Eastern Railway Company of England.

The petrol engine for this car is considered the most powerful unit yet constructed for this class of work. It develops 160 b.h.p., at a speed of 450 revolutions per minute. The cylinders are horizontally opposed, are six in number, and have a bore of 9 inches, and a piston stroke of 10 inches. Hitherto, difficulty has been experienced in starting internal combustion engines of such large size, but in the present case this has been entirely overcome by using cartridges filled with black powder to provide the initial charge in one cylinder. On starting the engine, the cartridge is fired by a hand trigger, the necessary apparatus being similar to the breech mechanism of a gun.

The first trial run of this novel car took place recently, when a successful trip was made from Schenectady to Saratoga, New York, and back, over the lines of the Delaware and Hudson railroad. During the trip several important features of this method of driving were demonstrated. While the car was not designed for high speed, the average running time was about thirty-five miles an hour, and on several occasions a speed of over forty miles an hour was attained. The smooth and rapid acceleration, as well as the complete absence of vibration, which might be thought to accompany the use of the petrol engine, were very favourably commented on by the engineers and officials present.

MOTOR CYCLES FOR THE BRITISH ARMY.

One of the most progressive movements in the new army administration is the introduction of military motor-cycles. Great strength and durability, in addition to speed, have been aimed at in their construction, and they are now being manufactured near London. They are not provided with pedals, a friction clutch allowing the engine to be started by a handle. Heavy tyres of 2½ inch diameter will be fitted, and very large saddles will be used. The latter will be low enough to permit the rider placing both his feet on the ground when the machine is not in motion.

RAPID ITALIAN MOTOR PROGRESS.

The fortunes of Italy have long been a subject of interest to the motoring world. Of all the Latin races the Italians have shown the promise of a second spring in the history of Christendom in the most convincing manner. Their progress in mechanical science has, it is true, been eclipsed by the younger races in the Far East, but it is none the less of solid growth, and bids fair to be quite as consolidated. The latest motor show has given proof of the truth of this remark, and now there are the statistics relative to the growth of the export motor trade of the country. During 1905 twenty-two manufacturing companies were formed, having a combined capital of over £1,100,000, and the year's export trade in automobiles has been provisionally returned at £145,840. These include:—The installation of a public motor service with some forty vehicles in Milan, and at Belluno, Romayno, Venice, and Emilia. Similar projected schemes are mooted from Turin, Givona, and Caserta; while Turin—the seat of the engineering industry of the country—is experimenting with automatic motor-driven sprinklers. In Sardinia the Government is said to have subsidised a motor service between Palau, Tempio, and Lasari; and in Mantua the Provincial Council is considering the installing of an automobile service in connection with six railways of the province.

TESTING SECOND-HAND CARS.

Nothing is more difficult than the purchase of a second-hand motor-car, as many persons know to their cost. In order, therefore, that prospective purchasers may have every guarantee, the "Sporting Français," which holds frequent auction sales of cars and motor cycles in Paris, has decided to submit the cars offered for auction to an endurance test under the direction of the Automobile Club of France. On the first day the vehicles will be exhibited at the auction rooms, on the second they have to cover about 50 miles over a circuit in the neighbourhood of Paris, so that they may be classified according to regularity of running. Then the cars will have to climb the Chanteloup Hill, one of the stiffest near the capital. An average speed of 19½ miles an hour must be kept up, this being the legal limit in France. An official report on the performance of each car, both as regards regularity and its power as a hill-climber, will be published, and on the third day the cars will be sold by auction.

FOOTBALL.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following is the draw for this afternoon (all matches to start at 3.30):—

A Division.—Mosman v Pyrmont, Fort-street v Waverley, Petersham a bye.

B Division.—District No. 1: No matches. District No. 2: Double Bay v Bondi, Coogee v Paddington. District No. 3: Botany v Newtown North, Erskineville v Bourke-street, Alexandria v Waterloo. District No. 4: Dulwich Hill v Camdenville, Marrickville West v St. Peters, Enmore v Canterbury. District No. 5: Bexley v Peakhurst, Mortdale v Hurstville West, Hurstville v Kogarah. District No. 6: Summer Hill v Ashfield, Croydon v Homebush, Croydon Park v Kegworth. District No. 7: Smith-street v Balmain, Ryde v Gladesville, Petersham B v Drummoyne.

BOWLS.

INTER-ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

The annual matches between the New South Wales and Northern district (Newcastle) Associations has been arranged for Wednesday, May 30, at Sydney, and Saturday, June 9, at Newcastle. For the former, which will be played on the City Green, the following team has been chosen by the selection committee:—

No. 1 Rink.—Ford, Chapman, T. T. Forsyth, Wilkie (Chatswood).

No. 2 Rink.—Howard, Hardy, Moran, Harris (City).

No. 3 Rink.—Hogue, Rigg (Victoria Park), Morgan (Petersham), Taft (Victoria Park).

No. 4 Rink.—M'Donald (Warringah), A. Walker (North Sydney), Spohn (Randwick), J. Harrison (Ashfield).

PETERSHAM v ST. GEORGE.

A three-rink match was to have been played at Rockdale yesterday, but as only six of the Petersham players turned up, a couple of substitutes were borrowed, with the result that the visitors won by five points. Scores:—

	P.	St. G.
Greig, Anderson (sub.), Somerville, Morgan	21	—
Mann, Hickey, Anderson, Pennell	—	26
Dennis, Hunter (sub.), G. Rogers, F. Searl	26	—
Morris, Lane, South, Thornley	—	16
Totals	47	42

RAWSON TROPHY.

Entries are being received for the contest for which a trophy presented by his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson, State Governor, is the main prize. The competition will be open to all clubs affiliated with the association, each club being entitled to four or more rinks. Each rink entered will be drawn to play against a rink from another club, and the club that scores the highest number of winning points in the aggregate of four rinks will be the winner. Should more than four rinks be entered by any club, the scoring points will be determined by the average of four. The winning club will hold the trophy for one year, and the trophy will become the absolute property of any club winning it three times, not necessarily consecutively.

The trophy will be played for on Saturday, 23rd June, commencing at 2.15 p.m., 25 heads, and the rinks and greens will be drawn by ballot. The pennant rules will in all other respects apply to this competition.

Entries will be received by the secretary of the association up to the 9th June.

PARRAMATTA CLUB.

MEMBERS' TOURNAMENT AND CONSOLATION STAKES.

The following are the results of the tournament just concluded in the Parramatta Club for the prizes presented by Dr. Brown and Mr. H. Mason:—

THE TOURNAMENT.

First Round.

W. Hart (scr), 32, beat C. E. Ford (12), 18.
E. P. Pearce (8), 32, beat J. Lavor (scr), 5.
W. H. Tunks (8), 31, beat H. W. Meggitt (8), 14.
G. Coates, jun. (scr), 31, beat J. Pearson (17), 28.
P. H. Robilliard (15), 31, beat C. A. Champion (16), 30.
H. M. Callan (9), 31, beat H. A. Richardson (8), 16.
A. Fullagar (4), 31, beat A. Johnstone (8), 22.
L. W. Pye (14), 31, beat F. J. Meads (8), 26.
L. A. Simpson (6), 31, beat H. Mason (scr), 23.
W. Hitchcock (10), 31, beat W. Bean (10), 22.
A. E. Gould (8), 31, beat T. Marsden (10), 16.
Dr. Brown (scr), 31, beat A. E. Marsden (15), 19.
J. Paul (8), 31, beat R. S. Richardson (15), 30.
H. Fullagar (scr), 31, beat J. Waugh (8), 30.
J. Grime (4), 31, beat G. Dumbrell (scr), 25.
D. D. Henderson (8), 31, beat S. Fairclough (8), 13.

Second Round.

D. D. Henderson (8), 32, beat E. P. Pearce (8), 22.
A. Fullagar (4), 32, beat H. W. Callan (9), 14.
G. Coates, jun. (scr), 31, beat Dr. Brown (scr), 30.
J. Grime (4) beat P. H. Robilliard by forfeit.
W. Hart (scr), 31, beat L. A. Simpson (6), 27.
H. Fullagar (scr), 31, beat W. H. Tunks (8), 22.
J. Paul (8), 31, beat L. W. Pye (14), 16.
A. E. Gould (8), 31, beat W. Hitchcock (10), 28.

Third Round.

A. E. Gould (8), 31, beat W. Hart (scr), 30.
J. Paul (8), 31, beat D. D. Henderson (8), 30.
G. Coates, jun. (scr), 31, beat H. Fullagar (scr), 18.
J. Grime (4), 31, beat A. Fullagar (4), 25.

Semi-final.

G. Coates, jun. (scr), 31, beat A. E. Gould (8), 29.
J. Grime (4), 31, beat J. Paul (8), 23.

Final.

G. Coates, jun. (scr), 31, beat J. Grime (4), 24.

CONSOLATION STAKES.

The losers in the first round played on in a consolation stakes for third and fourth prizes, with the following results:—

First Round.

S. Fairclough (8), 31, beat A. E. Marsden (15), 30.
R. S. Richardson (15), 31, beat F. J. Meads (8), 29.
C. E. Ford (12), 31, beat J. Pearson (17), 26.
C. Champion (16), 31, beat W. Bean (10), 15.
A. Johnstone (8), 31, beat G. Dumbrell (scr), 29.
J. Lavor (scr), 31, beat H. A. Richardson (8), 25.
H. W. Meggitt (8), 31, beat T. Marsden (10), 20.
H. Mason (scr), 31, beat J. Waugh (8), 28.

Second Round.

C. Champion (16), 31, beat J. Lavor (scr), 29.
S. Fairclough (8), 31, beat A. Johnstone (8), 15.
H. W. Meggitt (8), 32, beat H. Mason (scr), 24.
R. S. Richardson (15), 32, beat C. E. Ford (12), 25.

Semi-Final.

H. W. Meggitt (8), 31, beat S. Fairclough (8), 22.
R. S. Richardson (15), 31, beat C. Champion (16), 28.

Final.

R. S. Richardson (15), 31, beat H. W. Meggitt (8), 22.

LEURA BOWLING CLUB.

LEURA, Thursday.

A bowling green is now in course of formation on the Leura station estate. The estimated cost is £200, and for a club house £50. The green is expected to be opened early in December.

ATHLETICS.

CANDELO, Thursday.

The Candelo Athletic Club held its ninth annual sports to-day. The weather was against a large attendance. The following are the results of the principal handicaps:—

Grand Handicap.—W. Gough, 16yds, 1 (£22 10s); H. Switzer, 14yds, 2; L. M'Neil, 13yds, 3; R. Denny, 15yds, 4. Distance 130yds.

Empire Handicap, 75yds.—James Denny, 11yds, 1 (£5); R. Denny, 10½yds, 2; H. Meaker, 8yds, 3.

Flying Handicap.—W. Rogers, 4yds, 1; H. E. Hammond, 6yds, 2.

BILLIARDS.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF N.S.W.

At the request of the players it has been decided to commence the amateur championship of New South Wales on Monday, June 4. There are four entrants—M. Spencer (holder), H. Rumball, J. B. Belfield, and W. Squires. The qualifying round will be played on the American system, each player meeting the others, and the winner will challenge the holder. The preliminary heats will be 1000 up, and the final 1500. The tournament will be played at Messrs. Heiron and Smith's billiard parlour, Castlereagh-street.

BIRKITT'S BENEFIT.

An exhibition match was played last night at Messrs. Heiron and Smith's Billiard Parlour between Frank Smith and William Smith for the benefit of Richard Birkitt, who is suffering from bad health. The game was 750 up, W. Smith receiving 250 start. The contest resulted in an easy win for W. Smith by 213 points, the games being called—W. Smith 750, Frank Smith 537. The best breaks were:—Frank Smith, 71, 34, 33, 53, 64, 50; W. Smith, 35, 47, 78.

The second round of the interclub billiard tournament between the Western Suburbs and Marrickville clubs, resulted in a win for the former club by four points only. This evening Redfern will meet Sydney, and the games promise to be rather interesting. Messrs. Butlin, Baylis, and Goss will play for the home club.

BABY BOY'S ITCHING HUMOUR.

CURED BY CUTICURA.

"At the age of two weeks my baby's head began to break out with great sores, and at the age of two months his face and head were an awful sight. I consulted a doctor, who said it was nothing but a light skin disease which the baby would soon get over. He seemed to get worse, so I called another doctor. His opinion seemed to be the same. They both prescribed medicine that did not do a bit of good. A friend advised me to take him to the hospital, which I did. Two doctors gave me medicine that was in a liquid form. Their medicine did him no good. He couldn't seem to sleep, as his face and head would itch so. What hair he had all fell out. I got a box of Cuticura Ointment and a cake of Cuticura Soap. After using these he has become entirely cured.—C. H. Evans, Somerville, Mass., June 7, 1905."

The original of the above testimonial is on file in the office of the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation. Reference: R. Towns and Co., Merchants, Sydney, N.S.W.—Advt.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A moderate amount of business was transacted on 'Change yesterday at full prices. Bank of New South Wales advanced 5s, and a higher offer was made for Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. Balmain Ferry advanced about 1s 6d, East Greta Coal 6d, Fresh Food and Ice 1½d, Richardson and Wrench about 3d, Sydney Exchange about 5s, and Sydney Hydraulic (20s paid) in successive rises amounting to 9d in all.

The following sales were reported:—Early: East Greta Coal, 24s. On 'Change: Australian Gaslight, £18 10s. Later: Richardson and Wrench, 13s 3d. Afternoon: Sydney Hydraulic, 20s paid, 35s 6d, 35s 6½d; Balmain New Ferry, 34s; Sydney Exchange, £12 5s. Later: Fresh Food and Ice, 10s 1½d. Afternoon: Fresh Food and Ice, 10s 1½d. Later: Sydney Hydraulic, paid, 35s 9d; Bank of New South Wales, £47 2s 6d.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital Paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
F. STOCK &					£	£	£	p.c.
N.S.W. F., due 1912	4,006,702	...	...	3	87	87	...	[illegible]
Do., due 1912	1,250,175	...	...	3½	99	98½	...	[illegible]
Do., due 1912	2,549,350	...	...	4	103	102½	...	[illegible]
Do., due 1924-5	...	...	...	3	...	91	93¼	...
Do., due 1915	...	...	...	4	100½	99½	...	...
Do., Act 1878	530,189	...	...	4	...	103	...	3½
Do., 4 p.c., due 30/6/07	550,000	...	...	4	101	100	...	...
Do., Deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	...	100	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,108,700	...	...	3½	99¾	99¾	...	...
Ditto	203,000	...	...	4	100½	100	...	3½
N.Z. Do., 1909	300,000	...	...	4	103½	101	...	3½
Queens. deb., 1918	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	3¾
Do., Tr. Bills	580,000	...	...	4	102	101½	...	3¾
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	3¾
Austrln. Gas Deb., 1922	300,000	...	...	4	102½	101	...	...
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	102	102	[illegible]	4
Do., 1928	100,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	3¾
Co. Sugar D. 1914	...	...	...	5	103½	107	...	4½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	154,598	3½	1	...	...	...	...	...
Aust'lasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	95	97	...	5½
City	240,000	10	8	2½	70/	69/	70/	5
New issue	160,000	10	8	2½	67/6	64/6	...	6¼
Commercial of Aust.	94,882	10/	10/	...	10/	9/6	10/6	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,280	10	10	8	6¼	6/1/	...	...
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	29	29	29¼	4¼
N. of Aust.	1,192,440	8	5	4	75/6	75/	...	5¼
Ditto, pref.	305,780	10	10	5	11/3/	10¾	...	4¾
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	47½	47	47½	4¼
N. Zealand	427,319	6¾	3½	5	8/12/6	8	...	...
N. Queensl'd	100,000	7	2	2½	13/	12/	...	7¾
Q'sland Nat.	412,003	5	3	...	11/3	10/	...	...
Royal of Q.	457,466	9	6¼	3½	63/6	65/	68/	6¼
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	52½	52	52½	4½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A**	...	...	...	5	19/7	19/6	19/9	4¾
Class B**	...	...	...	5	13//	13/6	13/9	4¾
Class B, 1917**	...	...	...	...	12/5	...	12/9	...
Do., Insb.,**	788,083	...	...	3½	11/	10/3	...	6¾
Com. of Aus. Assets**	3,334,903	...	...	3	14/9	15/	...	4
E.S.A. Insc. pref.**	669,419	...	...	3	18/	18/	...	4¾
Do., def.**	808,718	...	...	4½	17/6	17/6	...	4¾
Do., Deb.**	983,547	...	...	4	18/6	18/6	...	4¾
Q. Nat.	3,116,621	...	...	3½	15/net	15/3	...	4½
STEAM.								
Bal. Ferry	16,420	1	1	7½	34/	34/	36/	4¾
Illawarra	49,797	1	15/	...	23/	22/9	...	...
How'd Smith 20s paid	250,000	20/	20/	10/	29/10	29/	21/6	...
Do., 5s pd	...	...	...	...	...	7/	10/6	...
Ditto paid	...	20/	5/	5	20/6	20/	...	...
Ditto, pref., 5s paid	...	...	...	...	5/6	5/	...	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	23/6	23/3	24/	5
North Coast	181,250	1	17/6	8	24/3	23/9	24/3	5¾
New Issue	...	...	17/6	...	24/3	23/6	24/	...
Sydn. Ferries	140,000	1	1	10	62/	61/	62/6	3¼
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25/	10	30/	26/	...	...
Ditto deb.	8,743	1	1	5	26/	25/	30/	...
INSUR'NCE.								
A.M. Fire ++	62,500	1	12/6	14	48/	42/6	...	...
Mer. Mutual	45,000	1	6/	15½	16/6	16/4½	16/7½	...
New Zealand	250,000	10	2	15	57/	...	74/6	...
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10	8	15/	15/6	...	...
United	68,225	10/	2½	12½	6	5¼	6	...
COAL.								
Bellambi	175,000	1	1	15	40/	38/	40/	9
East Greta ‡	121,803	1	1	10	24/	24/	25/	8½
Ditto New	...	...	16/	...	23/6	...	23/6	...
Hed'n Greta	42,550	1	1	...	...	7/6	...	...
Hetton	123,665	5	5	6	3¾	48/	52/	...
Newcastle	100,000	11	10	...	10½	9	9¾	...
Stockton	95,031	1	1	4	3/8	3/6	3/8	...
New	...	...	16/	4	1/net	1/6	...	...
V. of Clwydd	30,000	1	1	10	27/	25/	...	...
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	+10/	27½	24½	25½	...
Waratah‡‡	...	...	...	1/	...	6/6	...	...
Wickham & Bullock Is.	108,077	1	1	...	1/11	...	...	...
New Preferential	...	1	20/	...	5/ net	5/3	6/	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	21/	...	6¼
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	18¼	18½	18¾	4¾
Ditto New	...	6	3	15	14½	14¼	11½	...
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/9	14/	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	55/	56/	57/	5
Grafton	8,000	1	1	15	27/6	30/	...	5
Maitland Gas	15,500	5	5	7	...	6	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	8	31/	32/	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	8	15/6	18/	...	5½
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	20/	21/	...	7¼
Newcastle	45,000	2	2	15	6¼	6¼	...	4¾
Nth. Shore	125,000	1	1	7	41/	41/	...	3½
Ditto New	25,000	1	1	7	21/	20/	...	...
BR'W'RIES.								
Australian	48,000	10	10/	...	2/	...	1/8	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	10/	9/6	10/6	7½
Perkins'	100,000	15/	15/	...	30/6	...	33/6	...
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	4	11/	13/3	11/3	6¼
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	29/9	29/6	30/	5¼
MISC'ELN'S.								
Aarons'	17,300	15/	10/	5	2/	...	2/	25
Aust. News.	40,000	1	1	...	7/6	5/	8/	...
B.H.W. Sup.	285,000	1	1	...	23/3	21/	...	...
Burns, Philp ++	250,000	1	1	8	31/	30/6	32/	5½
New Issue++	35,000	1	10/	8	15/	14/6	15/6	5¼
Brooks & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	19/	22/	...
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	20/	22/	...
Col. Sugar++	2,095,200	20	20	10	41½	41½	...	4¾
Dalgety and Co. ++	1,000,000	20	5	6	5¼	5¼	...	5¼
Dunlop Pn. Tyre, pref.	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	21/6	...	6½
Emu. B Rail.	...	...	...	...	8/	8/	8/6	...
Emu & Pros. Gravel	27,200	1	16/	7	7/	...	7/8	14
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10/	12½	26/5½	26/3	...	4¾
M. de Piete	74,400	1	1	10	41/	41/	...	4¾
Mort's Dock	100,000	1	1	5	...	12/6	...	...
Ditto, pref.	45,501	1	1	8	22/6	20/9	21/3	5½
F. Food, Ice	91,790	12/	10/	7	10/1½	10/	10/3	6¾
Shale & Oil	80,000	17/	...	...	1/	1/	1/3	...
New York Tob.	15,000	1	1	...	...	3/	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,036	5	2/6	10	5/4	5/1	5/4	4½
Exp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	12/1½	12/	12/3	4¼
Richardson & Wrench	63,000	1	1	5	13/3	13/	13/6	8
Sdy. Tram	197,800	1	1	30	91/	90/6	91/6	6¾
Syd. Exchg.	30,000	10	10	6	12½	12	...	5
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	35/9	35/6	36/	8
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	17/9	17/10	18/	6¾
Ditto Hyd. & G.E.	15,000	1	10/	15	16/6	17/9	...	8½
Vol. Land Or.	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20/	...	11/	...	...	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	35/	34/	36/	5¼
LAND & BD.								
Excels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	8/	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,330	20	...	...	20	19	20	...
Insurc. Inv.	87,933	1	15/	10	22/6	22/	...	6¾
Newc. B. & I.	...	...	...	6	19/	...	...	...
Syd. Free L.	17,800	7/6	7/	...	5/6	5/3	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. ‡ Call paid. ‡‡ Ex returned capital, 1s.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—National Bank, ordinary, 77s 6d, b 77s, s 78s; Perth Gas, contg., b 40s 6d, s 41s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Victorian 4 per cents, 1923 £104; ditto, 3 per cent. Stock, £100; National Bank, 78s, 79s, 80s; Metropolitan Gas, £10 6s; Melbourne Tramways, 27s.

FINANCIAL.

N.Z. GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE.

To the "Australasian Insurance and Banking Record" we are indebted for the figures of the New Zealand Government Life Insurance Department for 1905. Some little progress is shown in the business, but not as much as might have been expected, in view of the lessened competition from the American societies. The following statement shows in a comparative way the trend of new business:—

	1903.	1904.	1905.
New policies	3,103	3,250	3,116
Assuring	£702,350	£804,586	£716,091
New premiums	£23,438	£23,487	£23,502

The average amount of assurance per policy last year was thus £230, and the average rate of premium £3 5s 8d per cent. A noteworthy feature is the fact that practically the whole of the new business is in the endowment class. This represented £21,977 of the total premiums, while whole life and term assurances represented but £60, annuity assurances £945, and single endowments £472. Discontinuances totalled 2173 policies for £507,267, carrying reversionary bonuses aggregating £46,767. The causes of discontinuances may be thus summarised:—

	1903.	1904.	1905.
By death	£98,570	£119,906	£100,685
By maturity	63,980	65,978	67,942
By surrender	188,252	107,218	97,170
By lapse	237,878	202,062	241,020
By expiry	—	1,000	400
Total	£588,680	£495,256	£507,267

The amount of whole life and term assurances in force at the close of the year, plus reversionary bonuses, amounted to £4,743,434, while endowment assurances similarly aggregated £6,493,506, and others to £187,065; the total of all classes being £11,423,967. The average amount of interest earned on the mean funds during the year was 4.52 per cent., against 4.41 per cent. in 1904, and 4.45 per cent. in 1903. The expense ratios may be stated as follows:—

RATIOS OF EXPENSE.

	1903. Per cent.	1904. Per cent.	1905. Per cent.
To premium income	21.40	19.56	20.30
To total income	13.79	12.58	13.02

The amount of assurance, annuity and endowment funds, at the close of the year was £3,822,577. The assets admit of the following comparison:—

	1903. £	1904. £	1905. £
Public securities	806,262	803,718	822,298
Mortgages	1,886,573	1,966,913	2,122,039
Landed and house property	123,580	123,580	122,436
Loans on policies	618,190	660,262	679,492
All other	173,693	207,045	171,337

The above figures lay the department open to severe criticism. It has ever been the argument of advocates of State life assurance that its expenses would be small, because its solvency is so undoubted that it would have no need to canvass for business; this would come to it. Besides, civil servants are compelled to insure in the Government department, and civil servants act as agents in a partly gratuitous way. Despite these alleged advantages, the ratio of expenses to premium income of this department is no less than 20.30 per cent., against 13.64 for the A.M.P. Society during the same period, 15.90 for the Citizens'. Other societies could be quoted which carry a heavier ratio of expense, but these we regard as unduly large, and much larger than a State department has any excuse for carrying. The prime essential to a successful insurance society is solvency, and the New Zealand department undoubtedly has this. The second is economy of management. This it has not.

STATE GOVERNMENTS AND THE COMMERCE ACT.

To be really effective the Commerce Act must be backed up by State measures of a similar character. This is fully realised by the Federal Government, and the Prime Minister has accordingly addressed the following circular letter to the State Premiers, which is self explanatory:—

I have the honour to invite your attention to the provisions of the Commerce (Trade Description) Act, 1905, which has for its purpose the prevention of injury to the public by means of false representations concerning the quantity and quality of goods. Owing to the limited sphere of action in which the Commonwealth law on the subject can operate, it is not possible to apply the provisions of the measure to articles of local production which are intended for consumption within the States of their origin. In the course of a speech made by me at the Premiers' Conference in Sydney on April 7 last, I alluded to the Pure Food Act, which has now been brought into operation in the United States, and suggested that consideration should be given to its terms when dealing with the question whether it would not be advisable for the States to act with some degree of uniformity in attempting to protect the public from frauds practised by unscrupulous producers, manufacturers, and dealers. It was then considered possible that legislation might not be necessary, as it was held that powers already existed under the Health Acts of the States which would supply all the authority required for dealing with the subject.

May I invite your attention to the matter in order that you may satisfy yourself as to the extent to which local legislation applies, and whether it could not be supplemented by the act or action under it. Possibly the Government of your State may see its way to co-operate with the Federal Government in giving application to some such measures as those contained in the Federal Act mentioned.

REGULATING THE MONEY MARKET.

While the Australian banks retain many millions sterling to their credit with their London agents, on which they are obtaining a return of 4 to 4½ per cent. per annum, our interest is more closely than usual centred upon the vagaries of the international money market. Those who follow our weekly cables will have found it difficult to arrive at any intelligent comprehension of the influences now at work. Until the Bank of England allied itself with the other joint stock banks it was not such a difficult matter to arrive at rough deductions from the figures presented by it weekly under Act of Parliament. This unsettlement has been noticed in London, and the "Magazine of Commerce" notes that the upper circles of the money market appear to the public in a state of bewildering mystery and contradictory rumour. The new banking policy of mystery and surprise has been forced on its authors by the paradoxical conditions they have to labour under. These paradoxical conditions originated in an obsolete banking law, and are becoming every year aggravated by the growing complexity of the international money market. The special form of discipline that has been applied lately to Lombard-street marks the opening of a new banking era. It has brought the banks face to face with difficulties they have never realised before. It has forced them to recognise dilemmas in the administration of the banking system which they have hitherto rather pooh-poohed. Once for all, it raised the question if the Bank Act of 1844 was really and truly the automatic machine it had always been considered to be. The key to this sudden and surprising change is the introduction of an alternative system of banking tactics into the money market. The governors of the bank have at last discovered that the automatic machine they are in charge of cannot be left entirely to itself, as its creators intended it to be. It cannot, without intolerable hardship to the trade of the country, be allowed to go ahead to the bitter end. If the theory of the Bank Act had been logically enforced during the past few months the rate would have been put up to 5 per cent. It can be readily understood how the governors of the bank would fight against such a rate. The conditions of domestic trade would have offered no justification for it. Even the man in the street would see that it was not caused by any bona-fide commercial demand for money. Manufacturers and traders of all classes naturally rebel against 5 per cent. bank rates in normal times, and this time there would have been more than the usual reason for resentment. As far as the Australian banks are concerned, however, nothing would have suited them better.

DEPOSITS OUTSIDE THE BANKS.

The following statement has been compiled from general abstracts of the average amount of deposits held by the undermentioned institutions, chiefly for the quarter ended March 31:—

	Deposits. Bearing interest.	Not b'ring interest.
Assets Realisation and General Finance Co.	£6,398	—
Commercial Building and I. Co.	8,977	£453
Excelsior Land I. and B. Co.	32,457	—
Haymarket Permanent B. and I. Co.	41,564	—
Intercolonial I. L. and B. Co.	13,976	—
Metropolitan Mutual P. B. and I. Ass.	30,568	—
Newcastle and County Mutual B. L. and I. Co.	13,323	—
Mont de Piete D. and I. Co.	5,060	—
Sydney Permanent F. L. and B. Co.	—	48,127
Universal Land and D. Bank	16,403	—
Colonial Sugar Refining Co.	32,751	—
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.	20,200	—
Totals	230,307	48,580

The aggregate deposits held by these and kindred institutions are now small to what were held prior to the bank crisis.

AMERICAN FLOATING EXHIBITION.

Messrs. A. E. Rudder and Co., general agents in Australia for the above exhibition, write:—

Sir,—It may interest you to know that we are in receipt of a communication from the president of the American Floating Exposition advising us that the proposal to send a large vessel round the world with exhibits of American manufactures and products has been suspended for the time being, and it is improbable that she will sail from New York before next year. The delay is due to the wave of prosperity general in America, and manufacturers find it difficult to fully provide for home consumption in the first place without seeking new fields.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The reports of the Tariff Commission published elsewhere may be summed up in two words—more protection. In this instance higher import duties are not asked, but merely lower excise duties.

Commonwealth gold exports up to date this year have totalled £7,104,000, against £3,423,000 last year, an increase of £3,681,000.

The Equity suit brought by Mr. Gerald R. Campbell against the A.M.P. Society and its board, was opened before Mr. Justice Walker yesterday, and now stands part heard.

COMMERCIAL.

RENEWED SPECULATION IN CORNSACKS.

What with Empire Day celebrations and the steady, drizzling rain which fell throughout the day, those engaged in the commercial life of the city were, generally speaking, not in a good business mood yesterday. The central attraction was again cornsacks. Another advance was cabled from Calcutta, and, taking their cue from the acute, if not excited, condition of that market, several of the big Sydney operators once more made a bold plunge, and by midday had bought back fully 2000 bales of the sacks they had sold early in the week. Four or five houses control to-day the great bulk of the 10,000 bales estimated to have been booked for next season's deliveries. Yesterday evening 7s 9d was being asked, a price which is apparently 2d to 3d below what further business could be done, based on yesterday's quotations, with Calcutta. How much higher are sacks going to jump? is a question being asked on all sides. From 6s 6½d to 7s 10d, c.i.f. Calcutta, in the space of a couple of months is without doubt a record, and only tends to forcibly illustrate how completely we are at the mercy of the Calcutta jute mills. Sussex-street merchants, and many others who have dropped out of the "running," have been looking for the reaction to set in—as has happened in tin—but so far the cabled news from India gives no sign. The prospect to the farmer is not cheering.

Wheat and flour were quiet at unchanged rates. Tea buyers were not moving about yesterday, in view of the two auctions this afternoon. All grocery lines were unaltered. A sale of 1000 boxes tinplates for forward delivery was noted, as well as some good distributing sales of linseed oil and white lead at firm prices.

AUSTRALIAN BUTTER EXPORTS.

The total shipments of butter from Australia to the United Kingdom since July 1 last compare with those for the corresponding period of the two previous seasons as under:—

From	1903-4. Boxes.	1904-5. Boxes.	1905-6. Boxes.
Sydney	262,060	345,260	325,500
Melbourne	425,220	478,700	520,130
Brisbane	66,740	88,540	150,540
Adelaide	9,300	13,920	23,790
Total	763,320	926,420	1,019,960

Compared with last season's shipments there is an increase of 93,540 boxes, and with those of two seasons ago of no less than 256,640 boxes. This season's exports from Sydney show a decrease of 19,760 boxes, Melbourne has an increase of 41,430 boxes, Brisbane an increase of 62,000 boxes, and Adelaide of 9870 boxes.

WHY IS COPPER DEAR?

The present high cost of copper, Professor James Douglas argues, in the U.S. "Engineering and Mining Journal," is dependent on the production of pig iron. To demonstrate this new and interesting theory Professor Douglas produces statistics ranging over the past ten years, showing the total each year of the production of pig iron, with increased percentages, and he compares these figures with similar statistics relating to the production of copper. On these Professor Douglas says:—

During the 10 years illustrated in the table the consumption of copper has been one ton of copper to 83 tons of iron, and so uniform is the proportionate use of the rarer to the baser metal that, assuming the bracketed years merely to correct variations due to shifting stocks or temporary disturbances, the ratio of consumption of copper to iron has never fallen below 1 to 80 nor risen above 1 to 81. But during 1905 the percentage in increase of pig iron over 1904 was 29.48 per cent., though the average for 10 years was only 12.25 per cent.; while the increase of copper production in 1905 over 1904 was only 10.95 per cent., or only 3 per cent. above the average. If, therefore, there has been a demand for copper in the ratio of 1 to 83 of iron to meet the requirements of the trade, the stocks of copper must be very low, and we need not attribute to artificial manipulation the existing scarcity.

Writing regarding the London copper market on April 18 Messrs. H. R. Merton and Co. stated that the Indian demand had assumed quite important dimensions, causing manufacturers to raise prices, and fresh business at the advanced level is now taking place. Germany had been a moderate buyer of electrolytic copper for June delivery, and as only very limited quantities were available for that month, the leading producers were able to command higher prices. Advices from the United States were very strong. Nearly all the producers were sold out for the first half of the year, some even for July. Consumption in America continued excellent, with every prospect of further growth. Manufacturers in Great Britain would consequently have to expect a restricted supply from America, and as stocks at their works were exhausted, and reshipments from China, which had been a welcome supply of late, had now ceased, the scarcity of material during the next few months would no doubt become still greater than it had been.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat was quiet but firm at 3s 6d per bushel. Farmers' offerings were next to nothing, and one or two of the Darling Island holders were not disposed to sell any more grain on the present basis.

Flour had little sale. City brands were quoted at £8 per ton and country makes at 5s less. At Darling Harbour yesterday 446 tons wheat and 35 tons flour were manifested to arrive.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Business was dull. Sales reported included 50 packages up to 9d, and 100 Indians and Ceylons at 7½d to 9½d per lb. This afternoon Messrs. A. Harvey and Co. will offer at auction, on account of Messrs. C. Healey and Co., 256 packages Indian and 250 packages Ceylon teas. Messrs. F. H. Dyer and Co. will subsequently submit at auction, at 60 Margaret-street, on account of Messrs. Gerber, Michaut, and Co., and Dalgety and Co., Limited, 308 packages Ceylon and 42 packages Indian teas.

Groceries.—No bulk transactions were noted, business being of an ordinary distributing character. An advance of 1d in sardines was cabled from London. Two hundred cases Bell's Melbourne plaid vestas were booked at s.p.

Metals.—One thousand boxes tinplates were placed for forward delivery at 14s 6d c.i.f.e. On spot holders were asking 15s 3d to 15s 6d according to parcel. In regard to the Government tenders for 4000 miles rabbit-proof wire netting, though the local tenders were opened it was decided not to make any announcement until the receipt of a cable from the Agent-General respecting the quotations received in London. Twenty-five tons No. 8 German fencing wire were sold for the country at £8 7s 6d. Fifty cases Kelly's axes were purchased at 45s to arrive. The local market, it appears, is very bare of this line, and higher prices are anticipated. In rabbit traps 150 dozen of Griffith's went at 11s 6d. One hundred casks plaster were moved at 14s.

American Iron and Steel Exports.—All records of the export of iron and steel from the United States of America were shattered in March, when almost 78,000 tons were shipped through the port of New York City and other eastern seaboard points to nearly every country in the civilised world. These figures mark an increase of nearly 20 per cent. (says a New York exchange) when compared with the February shipments to foreign countries. The heaviest gains were in rails, billets, and iron pipe, the increase in these items being more than 40 per cent. Exports were made to remote parts of the globe, where American iron and steel have heretofore been an unknown quantity. Substantial shipments of galvanised iron were made to Australasia, a market in which England has hitherto maintained absolute control. Almost 17,000 tons of wire, wire nails, and pipe were consigned to foreign climes, the previous record in these items having been made in February, when 14,800 tons were exported.

Oils.—Sales covering 250 drums B. and S.'s linseed oil were made up to 3s 2d for raw and 3s 4d for boiled; also 25 casks at 2s 11d and 3s 1d respectively. Twenty-five cases castor oil brought 3s 6d per gallon, though for good parcels it was obtainable at 3s 5d. Quotations for Champion's white lead were somewhat irregular, varying from £29 to £30 for the cwts. Three tons sold at £29. Five tons of Ferguson's were placed at £28 for cwts and £29 for qrs.

Jute.—Yet another advance was cabled from Calcutta, one message giving the quotations as 6s 9d c.i.f. and another 6s 10d for season's shipments. Private advices stated that the improved prospects of the Indian crops were the cause of the heavy buying that had taken place in Calcutta. Still pinning their faith in the Calcutta position, two or three of the Sydney speculators were "on the job" early yesterday morning, and fully 2000 bales were picked up at prices ranging from 7s 4½d to 7s 6d delivered, the average figure being perhaps a shade over 7s 5d. And the fact should not be omitted that the great bulk of the sacks bought yesterday represented what these very dealers had sold at the beginning of the week at from 7s 1½d to 7s 3d. Practically all the sacks held locally are in the hands of about five firms, and last evening 7s 9d was being asked, this being about 3d below what it would cost to land them on the last Calcutta quotations. In Melbourne it was reported that two houses controlled nearly all the sacks. Other bagging lines were quiet at unchanged rates. The Calcutta price for new season's branbags was 5s 1d c.i.f.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £9000.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 91 bales wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

LONDON, May 23.

AMERICAN VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is estimated by "Bradstreet's" at the equivalent of 45,155,000 bushels, compared with 47,762,000 bushels a week ago, and 32,259,000 bushels a year ago.

COPPER AND TIN RECOVERING.

Copper on spot, unchanged at b £84 15s, s £85; three months, b £84 5s, s £84 7s 6d, an advance of 5s per ton.

Tin on spot is quoted at £185, a rise of £2 per ton.

May 24.

Copper, on spot, b £85 10s, s £85 15s, a rise of 15s per ton; three months, b £84 17s 6d, s £85 2s 6d, a rise of 12s 6d.

Tin, on spot, b £188 10s, s £189, an advance of £3 10s; three months, b £187, s £187 10s per ton.

Lead, soft foreign, is 2s 6d higher, £16 15s to £16 17s 6d per ton.

VICTORIAN WHEAT SOLD.

The cargo, comprising 24,379 bags wheat, shipped in the Alsterthal from Melbourne on January 30, has been sold at 30s 9d per 480lb, c.i.f.

AUSTRALIAN TALLOW IN LONDON.

At Wednesday's auctions at the Baltic Rooms our cable reported that 1075 casks of tallow were offered, and 625 sold. Prices were unchanged. The following comparisons are made of recent sales:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Medium Mutton Per Cwt. s d	Medium Beef. Per cwt. s d
April 25	1,457	662	28 0	27 9
May 2	636	423	28 0	27 9
May 9	1,467	771	27 6	27 9
May 16	1,281	809	27 6	27 6
May 23	1,075	625	27 6	27 6

LONDON WOOL SALES.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., have received the following cable from London:—"The sales closed fairly animated. As compared with closing rates of last series prices for greasy wools are at par to ½d per lb higher. Good combing scoured is fully 1d per lb higher, and the lower classes of scoured are from ½d to 1d per lb higher. Fine crossbreds are unchanged, but coarse crossbreds are ½d higher."

Dalgety and Co.'s, Limited, message stated:—"The position of prices at the termination of the series was as under:—Scoured merino, 5 per cent. higher, the advance being chiefly on the medium and good qualities. Greasy merinos at par to 5 per cent. higher. Medium and fine crossbreds, unchanged. Coarse crossbreds, 5 to 7½ per cent. higher, except in the case of shabby and dingy wools of this description, prices for which showed a greater appreciation. The total available of Australasian and Cape, including old stocks, was 183,000 bales, of which 157,000 bales were sold—81,000 for home consumption, 67,000 for the Continent, and 9000 for America, leaving 9000 bales to be carried forward to the fourth series of sales, fixed to open on July 10."

The cable received by the Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, stated:—"The sales have closed somewhat irregular. Superior and good scoured merinos have advanced a shade, but coarse greasy crossbreds have declined about 5 per cent., and compared with the opening rates prices are hardly maintained."

Cables more or less to the same effect were received by the Co-operative Wool and P. Company, Limited, the A.M.L. and F. Company, Limited, Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, the New Zealand Loan and M.A. Company, Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, and Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The wheat market was steady to-day at 3s 4½d, ex store, and 3s 4½d alongside ship. Nearly 1000 bags sold at the former price, fair purchases being made direct from the country at slightly lower rates. Flour is quiet at £7 10s to £7 12s 6d. 500 tons sold for export. Bran and pollard are quoted at 11½d to 1s. Barley is unchanged. Algerian oats are less active, owing to the rainfall, but holders are firm. Milling is worth 2s 9d to 2s 10d, with fair sales of medium at 2s 10d; feed are quoted at 2s 7d to 2s 8½d, and seed up to 3s. Nearly 3000 bags sold at 2s 7½d to 3s 9d. New Queensland maize is worth 3s. Peas are firm at 4s 7d. Chaff is slightly firmer, prime being worth 57s 6d to 60s. Exceptionally choice green wheaten realised 65s, and fair to good 50s to 52s 6d. Hay is unaltered. Potatoes are in heavy supply, and show a weaker tendency. Pinkeye are worth to £6 15s; redsoil to £7; and best Gippsland £7 to £7 5s. Onions are dull and weak, ordinary good selling at £5, prime £5 5s, and special growth are quoted at £6 10s.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In Queen Victoria Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Almonds, 4½d to 5d per lb; apples, 2s to 7s per case; figs, 2s 6d to 3s per half-case; grapes, 2s to 8s per case; oranges, 4s to 7s ditto; lemons, 2s 6d to 5s ditto; melons, preserving, 1s 6d to 5s per dozen; pears, culinary, 2s to 4s per case; ditto, dessert, 3s to 7s ditto; walnuts, 6d to 8d per lb; quinces, 1s 9d to 3s per case.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Only a moderate turnover was reported in the produce markets of Sussex-street yesterday. Prices were practically without alteration.

The maize market was not so well stocked as it has been recently on account of the Northern River boats being bar-bound. Consequently some agents were talking of an extra 1d, but no actual sales were reported above 2s 8d. Other holders, however, stated that unless stocks were soon replenished a slight advance would be necessary. If the price is raised, it is thought probable that those who stored maize at 2s 6d will take the opportunity of unloading. White corn had fair inquiry at 2s 7d per bushel. The arrivals of maize by rail and sea for the week ended Tuesday were as follow:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	12,890	620	495
Previous week	16,325	2,211	...
Total to date	233,793	12,652	18,283
Ditto, 1905	154,882	11,564	19,373

There were a few inquiries for oats, but stocks were light and prices remained firm. A few New Zealand Gartons were available. These were quoted slightly firmer at 3s 3d, while up to 3s 1d was paid for Tasmanian whites. The following table shows, in a comparative way, the arrivals of oats by rail and steamer for the week ended Tuesday, the previous week, and the total to date for the year:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	—	68	4,385
Previous week	—	709	4,615
Total to date	97	38,255	76,441
Ditto, 1905	—	27,338	50,921

There was a moderate demand for chickwheat at current rates. Blue and grey peas were almost unobtainable, and prices were firm. Barley had little inquiry, and, owing to the scarcity, quotations were only nominal.

Chaff was very heavily supplied during the week ended Tuesday, both at the railway and on the wharf. Owing to the scarcity of other feeds, however, there was an exceptionally good demand, and prices remained steady. At Redfern up to £4 5s was paid for choice wheaten, while on the wharf £3 17s 6d was realised for prime South Australian cuts. The arrivals from all sources for the week ended Tuesday were as follow:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	30	33,120	38,465
Previous week	...	27,900	33,801
Total to date	267	731,810	281,243
Ditto, 1905	154	598,020	300,820

Lucerne was in poor supply on the wharf, and quotations were without alteration. At the railway, however, the rain had some effect on the prices paid, a fairly considerable reduction being noted. The top figure bid at the auction was £4 6s 8d for prime hay, in small bales.

Potatoes were without material alteration, though the fairly heavy arrivals at Redfern had the effect of checking, to a certain extent, the demand in the street. The consignments received from Tasmania this week were not so heavy as usual, and of the 11,000 bags received, some 4000 bags were for transhipment to New Zealand. Onions were without material alteration. The figures showing the arrivals of potatoes for the week ended Tuesday are appended:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	77	242	*11,428
Previous week	40	693	15,130
Total to date	22,702	48,674	160,717
Ditto, 1905	10,571	22,129	222,070

* About 4000 for transhipment.

Bran and pollard were not in quite such brisk demand, but the prices remained firm at quotations.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—Nominal.

Maize.—Prime dry river 2s 8d, good 2s 7d, white 2s 7d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, heavy feed 2s 8d to 2s 10d; seed, 3s. Tasmanian: Whites, 3s; White Giants, 3s 1d; Gartons, 3s 3d. Local: 2s 8d to 2s 10d. At Redfern: Algerians, 2s 7d bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5s 6d; grey, 5s 6d bus.

Chickwheat.—Rejected milling, 2s 4½d, prime chickfeed 3s 3d to 3s 4d bus.

Bran.—1s; pollard, 1s bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Choice £4 to £4 5s, prime £3 10s, medium £3 to £3 6s 8d. Victorian: Wheaten, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; oaten, £3 5s to £3 10s. Adelaide: £3 15s to £3 17s 6d ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Prime, £4 to £4 5s; other sorts, £3 15s. At Redfern: Prime, £4 6s 8d ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green £5 to £5 5s, old summer £4 5s; soft green, £3 to £4 10s. At Redfern: Prime large bales £3 15s to £4 3s 4d, prime small bales £4 6s 8d ton.

Straw.—Derrick pressed—Tasmanian: £2 5s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Stanleys, £8 10s; darkskins, £8 to £8 5s. At Redfern: £7 15s 4d to £8 15s ton.

Onions.—Victorian: Brown Spanish, good £6 10s, inferior from £5 ton.

Turnips.—£5 ton.

Pumpkins.—£1 10s ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Business was very quiet in the dairy produce markets, and prices were unchanged. Bacon was again in heavy supply, while it was reported that the demand was limited, consequently stocks were inclined to accumulate. There was a fair inquiry for best brands of cheese, but inferior makes were slow to move even at reduced prices. Butter was quiet, and unchanged. The arrivals of butter for the week ended Tuesday were:—

	Coastal. Boxes.	By rail. Boxes.	Kegs.	Other States. Boxes.
Week's receipts	8,240	2,103	10	723
Previous week	11,164	2,383	9	30
Total to date	229,221	70,583	331	9,912
Ditto, 1905	196,682	61,897	435	35,448

Current quotations were:—

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d to 6d, good 5½d, prime large 5½d, good 5d to 5½d, inferior from 4½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 6d; Bodalla, 6½d lb.

Butter.—Choice 10d, seconds 8½d to 9d, inferior 7½d to 8d lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 6d, bulk 5½d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1½d, prime 1s 2d lb.

Honey.—60lb tins choice extracted 3d to 3½d, good 2½d, inferior 2d lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, flitches 5½d to 6d, middles 7½d, sides 5½d to 6d; special brands, sides 7d, flitches 7d, middles 8½d. Hams: In cloth, 8d to 8½d, bagged 9½d to 9½d, special brands to 11d lb.

Eggs.—Northern, 1s to 1s 1d; Southern and railway, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; new-laids 1s 4d, odd lots 1s 5d; coldstores, 1s, choice 1s 2d doz.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Suburban.—Fowls, young roosters, 3s 3d to 5s 2d, choice 6s, very small kinds from 2s, old hens 2s 2d to 3s 3d, choice 3s 10d; ducks, English, 2s 5d to 3s 2d, choice suburban 3s 8d; Muscovy, 2s 2d to 3s, choice suburban 3s 6d, drakes 3s 6d to 5s 6d; choice suburban 6s 3d; turkeys, hens 6s to 8s 4d, choice 9s 3d, small from 4s 3d, gobblers 8s 6d to 15s, choice 20s, small from 5s 6d; geese, 4s 6d to 6s 8d; guineafowls, 3s 8d to 4s 3d; pigeons, 1s 1d to 1s 7d per pair.

River.—Hens, old 2s 3d to 2s 6d, choice 2s 9d; roosters, good 2s 6d to 2s 9d, choice 3s to 3s 3d, extra heavy 4s; English ducks, 2s 3d to 2s 6d, choice 3s; Muscovy, 2s 6d to 3s, choice 3s 6d; drakes, 3s 6d to 4s; guineafowls, 4s to 4s 6d; turkeys, hens 4s to 5s; choice 5s 6d to 6s 6d; gobblers, 7s to 8s, extra prime 12s to 14s; geese, young, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; black ducks, 2s 6d, brown 2s; teal, 1s 6d; common pigeons, 1s to 1s 6d per pair.

Hares.—1s pair.

Rabbits.—Good 6s 6d to 8s, kittens 2s 6d to 4s doz.

REDFERN SALE.

Only a small supply of produce, consisting of 37 trucks, arrived at Redfern yesterday morning for auction. The market was both unsettled and irregular. Buyers, too, were poorly represented. A slight weakening tendency in the price for chaff was noted. Choice cuts made from 4s to 4s 3d, prime 3s 6d, and medium from 3s to 3s 3d cwt. Values for lucerne hay still keep on the downward grade, a drop of 25s per ton in the price for choice green quality makes being evident. Retailers are not inclined to operate too freely in this line, while the unsettled weather continues. Prime large bales had attention at from 3s 9d to 4s 2d, while prime small found a buyer at 4s 4d cwt. Oaten hay, of a choice quality, made 4s 4d cwt. Inferior grade wheat went at 2s 8d bus. Potatoes were in fair supply. Prices paid, according to quality, ranged from 7s 11d to 8s 9d cwt. Pumpkins had no inquiry.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From executors Kurragong estate, Bomen, (4591) 4s 2d, (3987) 4s 3d, (2738) 4s 3d, (4290) 4s 3d; Bennett, Bomen, (8034) 4s; Brown, Forbes, (3005) 3s; Rowston, Coolamon, (5647) 3s 4d; Steele, Yathong Siding, (11020) 3s 4d, (9482) 3s 4d; Dalton, Ganmain, (3842) 3s 4d; Egan, Parkes, (7149) 3s; Nicolas, Forbes, (10242) 3s 6d, (2515) 4s 6d cwt.

Lucerne.—From Robinson, Cooma, (8101) 3s 9d; Hurst, Perth, (7875) 4s 4d; Healey, (3488), grassy, 2s 1d; Laidlaw, Moonbi, (4727) 4s 2d cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From Jones, Newbridge, (x268) 4s 4d cwt.

Wheat.—Ex Clyde, (1204) 2s 8d bus.

Barley.—From Sole, Llangothlin, (1706) 2s 7½d bus.

Potatoes.—From Sole, Llangothlin, (1707) 8s 9d; Howes, (2295) 8s 4d, and oats, 2s 7d; Prescott, Millthorpe, (5191) 7s 11d; Handebo, Black Mountain, (4293) 8s 3d; Dilton, (9221) 8s 4d cwt.

PINEAPPLE BACON and HAMS.—Delicious Flavour. Ask your grocer for it. Prescott, Limited, 336 and 338 Sussex-street.—Advt.

PERMEWAN, WRIGHT, and CO., Ltd., Grain and Produce Agents; Auction Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., Live Stock and Produce Merchants.—Sales of Hay, Chaff, etc., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

For Chronic Chest Complaints, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

FRUIT MARKET.

The demand for fruit during the last few days has been very limited. Bananas were quoted somewhat easier at the Bathurst-street Markets, but otherwise prices were steady.

Current quotations were:—

Pineapples.—Common and Queen: Extra choice 10s to 12s, choice 7s 6d to 8s, medium 6s 6d to 7s, small and inferior 5s case.

Apples.—Local: Choice, eating Jonathans 10s, good 10s to 12s; jam lots 2s 6d to 3s 6d. Cooking: Prime 6s to 7s 6d, others 5s to 6s gin-case. Tasmanian: French Crabs, 6s to 8s; Blenheim, orange 6s to 6s 6d, stone pippin 6s to 6s 6d, S.P.M., 10s 6d, Adams, choice 7s to 8s, medium 5s 6d to 6s 6d. Victorian: Jonathans, choice 8s to 9s, medium 6s to 7s, small 5s case.

Oranges.—Local: Choice 6s to 10s, extra choice 14s, medium 4s to 5s, small from 1s 6d to 2s case.

Lemons.—Choice white, 2s 6d to 4s, medium 2s to 3s 6d, rough from 1s to 1s 6d gin-case. Italian: 10s to 10s 6d case of 160. American: 7s 6d to 8s case of 180.

Tomatoes.—Local: choice 1s 6d to 3s half-case.

Bananas.—Fiji: 10s to 11s 6d case, 2s 6d to 5s 6d bunch.

Persimmons.—1s 6d to 4s, extra choice 5s to 5s 6d box.

Quinces.—3s to 5s gin-case, 6s to 7s 6d double-case.

Pears.—Tasmanian: Beurre Deil, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; Winter Nelis, 5s to 7s 6d; Winter Coles, 5s to 7s 6d; Napoleon, 3s to 3s 6d half-case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 6s 6d to 7s 6d, prime 4s to 4s 6d, small 2s 6d box, choice 10s to 11s, prime 7s 6d to 8s 6d case.

Mandarins.—Choice 5s to 6s, medium 3s to 4s, small 1s 6d to 2s 6d box; choice 11s to 13s, medium 6s to 7s, small 4s case.

Coconuts.—10s to 13s bag.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of May 28, 157 sheep vans, 108 cattle waggons; May 31, 378 sheep vans, 80 cattle waggons.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Tallow.—Prime sorts ruled firm, while other descriptions were fully 15s to 20s lower. Quotations: Prime mixed, £25 to £25 15s per ton; medium to good mixed, £22 10s to £24; inferior mixed, £19 to £22; broken packages, from £18. 338 casks were offered, and 227 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Best horsehair was occasionally firmer, while medium sorts were lower. Other lines were unchanged. Quotations: Horsehair sold to 36½d per lb; cowhair, to 13½d; stumps, to 9½d; shankbones, mixed, to £4 10s per ton; knuckles, to £3 17s 6d; mixed hoofs, to £4 5s; hidepieces, to £12 10s; dehaired, to £19 5s; sinews, to £27 10s; horns, to 65s per 100; beeswax, to 13d per lb.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

About 31,918 sheep and lambs were penned at yesterday's sales, from 92 consignors, including five drafts ranging from 1000 to 3000 head, one of which, 2520 head, being from Queensland. The sheep comprised a large proportion of useful quality merino wethers, with a good representation of merino ewes. There were occasional pens of prime and odd pens of extra prime merino wethers; medium and light wethers and hoggets were also in evidence. The ewes ranged from medium to extra prime, and included a fair proportion of good to prime. There was a sprinkling of crossbreds, chiefly of fair to good quality, with odd pens of prime. Buyers were present in strong force, including exporters, the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Ltd., and a few graziers operating for restocking purposes. As the supply seemed at the opening ample for the demand the market opened at about late rates for prime qualities, but easier for medium descriptions. As the sale progressed, however, competition increased, and values firmed, especially for prime, while medium and useful sorts were "in and out." Although the rain dulled the appearance of the sheep, the glad tidings of good rains throughout the country gave a buoyancy to the market, which closed strong at firmer values for all but medium ewes. Quotations: Prime merino w 18s to 19s 6d, extra prime merino w 20s 6d to 21s 9d, good merino w 14s 6d to 16s 6d, medium merino w and h 12s 6d to 13s 6d, inferior and light 10s 6d to 11s 6d; prime merino e 14s 6d to 15s 6d, extra prime merino e 16s 6d to 17s 9d, good merino e 11s 6d to 12s 6d, medium merino e 10s to 10s 6d, inferior 9s to 9s 6d; prime crossbred w 19s to 20s, good crossbred w 16s to 18s, medium crossbred w and h 12s 6d to 14s 6d; prime crossbred e 17s 6d to 18s 6d, extra prime to 20s, good crossbred e 15s to 16s 6d, medium crossbred e 12s to 14s. Sales:—

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—W. Keys, Gunnedah, 113 w 16s 10d to 17s, 144 15s 4d; W. M. Burke, Moree, 215 w 17s 6d to 17s 7d, 147 15s; A. A. Dangar, Quirindi, 888 w 15s 8d to 16s; W. and T. C. Dickson, Brewarrina, 270 w 18s 9d to 18s 10d, 848 17s, 124 16s to 17s 1d; C. B. Crowley, Moree, 387 w 17s 9d to 17s 10d, 484 17s 1d; Australian Pastoral Company (Q.), 360 w 17s 2d, 1670 14s 9d to 15s, 497 13s 10d; L. Brennan, Wee Waa, 66 w 18s 9d, 50 16s, 164 e 14s, 17 16s, 44 11s 5d; R. Tucker, Temora, 170 w 16s; Northern agents, Manilla, 37 xb w 14s 8d, 112 12s, 7 xb h 11s, 126 e 10s; P. Hardy, jun., Queanbeyan, 106 w 10s 6d; C. E. White, Manilla, 110 w 15s 4d, 89 12s 9d, 262 w 14s 11d, 45 xb e 13s 8d, 66 w 13s 1d to 13s 4d; Fox Bros., Boggabri, 86 w 18s 2d, 83 15s 5d; F. J. Houston, Warialda, 75 w 20s, 262 19s 1d, 75 18s; A. Rohr, Mudgee, 95 w 13s 7d; F. Whitton, Quirindi, 84 w 16s 10d to 16s 11d; F. W. Bridge, Moss Vale, 60 xb h 15s, 15 13s 6d; Walhallow Estate, Uralla, 341 w 17s, 2471 14s 8d, 376 13s; A. A. Dangar, Walcha-road, 223 w 18s 6d to 19s 2d, 646 16s 10d to 17s 3d, 74 16s 4d.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—F. W. D. Thompson, Moree, 107 w 17s 8d to 18s, 73 15s 5d; Glasser and Schaefer, Guyra, 119 w 17s 4d, 153 14s 10d; W. H. Crane, Warialda, 28 w 17s 3d, 81 14s 9d, 82 12s 5d; D. McLeod, Cryon, 34 w 17s 1d, 12 r and a 14s; W. and F. Schrader, Walcha, 90 w 16s 8d, 114 14s 9d, 95 e 11s 8d; E. Price, Cryon, 74 w 16s 6d, 19 16s 3d, 5 13s 10d; J. McMahon, Moree, 58 e 15s 2d, 66 w 14s 5d, 245 e 13s 8d, 35 10s 7d; T. S. Anderson, Armidale, 64 w 14s 7d, 35 w and r 11s 5d; C. Price, Cryon, 79 e 12s 1d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—Mrs. Macintyre, Kynga, 6 w 19s, 114 16s 3d to 16s 4d, 102 15s 1d. A. Buchanan, Burren, 173 xb e 16s 11d to 17s 1d, 121 15s 5d to 15s 6d, 105 e 15s, 131 xb e 13s 8d, 182 e 13s 5d, 48 10s 2d to 10s 6d, 32 xb e 11s 4d, D. McAlary, Coonamble, 114 w 18s 5d to 18s 6d, 157 16s 3d, 66 14s 8d to 14s 11d; E. Gallagher, 80 w 17s, 200 15s 2d.

J. C. Young and Co.—J. A. Brown, Wee Waa, 43 e 15s 3d, 30 12s.

Weaver and Perry.—J. Lydd, Gunnedah, 180 w 14s 8d to 14s 9d, 305 12s 10d; J. Nolan, Burren, 28 e 14s 6d, 30 12s 7d, 74 r 13s; G. A. Teys, Merah, north, 82 e 12s 11d, 110 12s 10d; E. S. Antill, Warren, 60 w 19s 5d to 19s 7d; F. J. Mitchell, Gurley, 147 e 13s 2d, 28 10s 7d to 11s; J. H. Regan, Woolabra, 101 w 17s 9d to 17s 11d, 70 16s 5d to 16s 6d; J. Shearer, Cryon, 106 w 21s 1d to 21s 8d; 59 18s 7d, 84 e 16s 6d to 17s 1d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—W. D. Simson, Curlewis, 22 w 19s 1d, 115 e 17s 8d, 173 16s 5d to 16s 6d; Northern agents, 123 xb h 17s 3d, 17 w 17s, 40 xb h 15s 6d to 15s 7d; W. C. and M. E. A'Beckett, Coonamble, 60 e 17s, 137 15s 9d, 32 12s 7d; J. Richmond, Uneralla, 93 xb e 14s 5d, 111 e 11s; Charlton station, Tarcoon, 386 e 13s 1d, 573 11s 5d.

Maiden Brothers.—H. Campbell, Warren, 21 w 20s 7d, 120 17s 9d, 70 h 17s; J. J. Graham, Wee Waa, 35 xb e 20s 1d; A. Croxon, Coonamble, 57 w 19s 1d, 45 w h 17s 1d; Bunna Bunna station, Woolabra, 141 w 19s 7d, 430 18s 7d, 147 16s 9d; Magennis and Julian Brothers, Yass, 90 w 17s 10d, 10 17s 6d, 30 16s 1d; W. Bassett, Coonamble, 64 w 16s 10d, 20 14s 11d; P. F. McMahon, Moree, 5 w h 16s 9d, 259 e 13s 8d, 118 13s to 13s 4d; J. Swales, Uralla, 196 w 15s 2d, 267 14s to 14s 1d, 104 12s 9d to 13s; P. Donohoe, Gular, 117 e 14s 2d, 64 13s; Robertson and Co., Deepwater, 190 e 14s, 101 12s; S. J. Barden, Gilgandra, 48 xb e 11s 10d, 41 9s 8d; R. Vickers, Uralla, 504 e 10s 5d, 95 8s 11d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—A. A. Loughnan, Coonamble, 114 w 19s, 87 17s 1d; W. T. Penrose, Boggabri, 45 xbd e 19s, 25 17s; P. Bourke, Girilambone, 42 w 18s 6d, 129 h 16s; T. Corrish, Tarcoon, 40 w 19s 2d to 19s 3d, 382 19s to 19s 1d, 160 17s 5d to 17s 8d, 50 17s 4d; A. B. M'Kenzie, Wambool, 5 r 18s, 27 xbd w 16s 1d, 17 w 15s 2d, 5 xbds 14s 7d; W. Onus, Gravesend, 70 w 16s 4d, 134 15s 4d, 57 14s 6d to 14s 9d; A. Guest, Boggabri, 110 w 16s 7d to 16s 9d, 76 15s 4d to 15s 6d, 70 14s 9d to 15s; A. Foster, Uralla, 103 w 17s, 8 xbd w 15s 2d, 283 w 14s 10d to 15s 1d; R. B. Coleman, Bungendore, 45 w 15s 11d to 16s, 60 15s 10d, 85 14s; Noble, Gerringong, 20 xbd e 13s 5d; B. Clarke, Boggabri, 343 w 15s 8d, 109 14s 5d to 14s 8d; O. E. Friend, Gular, 262 e 14s 8d, 339 11s 10d; J. H. Dewson, Narrabri, 24 e 13s 2d, 48 w 12s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—G. M. Simpson, Glencoe, 85 w 16s 2d to 16s 3d, 106 14s 6d.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company Ltd.—Seccombe and Thomas, Moree, 77 e 16s, 79 13s 10d, 114 w 15s 4d, 94 12s 8d; J. Hanton, Manilla, 37 e 14s, 55 10s 6d, 8 15s 3d; W. Green, Burren, 64 e 10s 6d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—W. T. Rigney, Coonamble, 60 stags 20s 7d, 45 w 19s 9d, 13 19s 6d, 128 18s 5d; R. Campbell, Cooma, 241 w 18s 4d to 18s 8d, 363 16s 4d to 16s 6d; A. Kinleside and Sons, Uppingham, 20 w 18s, 61 17s 9d, 35 14s 10d; S. Slack Smith, Merah North, 30 w 17s 9d, 23 17s 7d, 37 e 14s 9d; J. S. Vickery, West Tamworth, 184 w 17s 1d, 344 15s 8d, 24 15s 3d; Mackay Bros., Hadleigh, 20 w 16s, 22 17s 10d, 57 15s 9d, 50 e 13s 6d, 303 10s 9d, 16 9s 11d; estate late C. Garnock, Cooma, 75 w 16s 7d, 105 14s 11d, 100 e 11s 8d; D. Swan, Inverell, 60 w 16s 6d, 25 15s 6d; H. Filtness, senr., Cooma, 5 w 15s 8d, 54 14s, 20 12s 4d, 196 11s 9d, 25 r 11s 11d.

LAMBS.

There was a fair supply of lambs proportionately to the sheep penned, about 4000 being forward, chiefly of good, useful quality, with a sprinkling of medium and occasional pens of prime. Competition was brisk, and values were higher, especially for prime. Prime lambs 13s 6d to 14s 6d, extra prime 15s 6d to 16s 6d, odd pens to 17s; good lambs 11s 6d to 12s 6d, medium lambs 9s to 10s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—C. E. White, 26 12s to 12s 1d, 57 10s 4d; Mrs. Schofield, 35 14s 3d to 14s 6d, 23 12s 6d to 12s 9d, 42 15s 3d to 15s 4d; F. W. Bridge, 11 12s; estate late G. Allen, 87 11s.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—T. Boland, 20 15s 1d, 52 13s 1d, 31 11s 3d; Western agents, Holmwood, 101 14s 9d to 14s 11d; D. McLeod, 39 14s 6d to 14s 10d; E. Price, 43 13s 8d; C. Price, 37 13s 2d; W. H. Crane, 110 12s 3d, 97 10s 3d to 11s; J. McMahon, 120 11s 9d, 83 10s, 37 9s 1d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—Mrs. Macintyre, 40 14s 8d, 49 13s 4d to 13s 5d, 68 14s 2d.

J. C. Young and Co.—J. A. Brown, 16 12s; J. Gray, Wee Waa, 35 12s 10d to 12s 11d, 14 10s 6d to 11s 10d.

Weaver and Perry.—E. S. Antill, 22 15s, 16 13s 2d; C. E. Campbell, 92 14s 3d; J. Nolan, 48 14s, 90 12s 7d, 40 11s 6d; F. J. Mitchell, 31 12s 5d, 10 10s 10d.

Maiden Bros.—H. Campbell, 70 17s, 50 14s 3d; J. J. Knight, Wee Waa, 77 14s 7d, 28 12s 6d, 16 13s 5d; A. Croxon, 76 13s 9d; S. J. Barden, 48 12s 4d, 42 9s 6d; C. F. McMahon, 80 14s 10d, 26 10s 1d, 63 11s 4d, 56 9s 6d.

Hill Clark, and Co.—Noble, 11 15s 1d, 18 12s 11d; P. Bourke, 143 14s 8d, 44 13s 8d; A. B. McKenzie, 16 14s 3d to 14s 4d, 10 13s 8d, 23 13s 2d; J. H. Dewson, 28 11s 6d; A. A. Loughnan, 45 9s 7d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—W. D. Simson, 24 14s 4d; W. C. and M. E. A'Beckett, 50 10s; Charlton station, 117 11s 8d to 12s 1d, 10 11s, 218 9s 11d to 10s 1d.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Co., Ltd.—W. Green, 84 14s 1d, 22 13s 1d, 70 12 10d, 58 12s 9d, 102 11s 10d, 60 9s 8d; J. Webber, Nevertire, 84 10s 3d, 25 12s 4d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—A. Kinleside and Sons, 72 13s 5d, 12 10s 9d; D. Swan, 40 12s 2d, 62 11s 1d, 5 10s; S. Slack Smith, 10 10s 4d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 971 cattle were yarded, representing 39 consignors. The consignments came mainly from the northern and north-western districts, with three drafts from Queensland of 40, 46, and 100 head respectively, the balance being from the west and south of this State. The yardings mainly comprised medium and useful, light, and medium-weight bullocks and steers. Prime bullocks were scarce, only occasional yards of prime, light, and medium-weights being forward. Fully one-third of the supply consisted of cows, including a good proportion of prime and odd extra prime beasts. About 160 calves were included in the yardings. There was the usual attendance of buyers, and as the supply was within trade requirements the market opened to active competition at the improved values ruling on Monday last, weakening, however, as the sales progressed, especially on medium quality bullocks and cows. Closing quotations:—Yards of prime bullocks, £9 to £10; yards of extra prime bullocks, £10 10s to £10 12s; yards of good bullocks, £8 to £8 10s; yards of medium bullocks, £6 10s to £7 10s; yards of light and medium steers, £5 15s to £6; yards of prime cows, £6 10s to £7; yards of extra prime cows, £7 10s to £8 5s; odd choice beasts to £10; yards of good cows, £5 10s to £6; yards of medium cows and heifers, £4 10s to £5. Best beef, 22s to 26s per 100lb.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. Ireland, Walcha-road, 11 bullocks to £8 14s, avg £8 13s, 12 cows to £8 8s, avg £6 2s; P. Wall, Walcha-road, 18 heifers to £6 3s, avg £4 2s 10d.

Weaver and Perry.—W. Nicholson, Brewarrina, 64 cows to £8 12s, avg £7 17s; W. P. Bowman, Muswellbrook, 30 bullocks to £10, avg £9 11s 2d; W. M. Sevil, Murrurundi, 9 bullocks at £7 5s; A. M. White, Deepwater, 26 bullocks to £7 10s, avg £7 4s 10d; Southern agents, 8 bullocks at £7 6s, 12 cows to £5 10s, avg £5 4s 1d; Southern agents, 12 steers at £5 8s.

J. C. Young and Co.—J. Gray, Wee Waa, 7 heifers to £6 15s, avg £4 10s 8d; A. A. Carter, 10 cows at £4 10s, 1 steer £8 10s.

Maiden Bros.—C. Croaker, Mudgee, 20 bullocks to £9, avg £8 17s 6d; W. Bassett, Coonamble, 7 bullocks at £9 10s, 8 cows to £10, avg £8 9s 3d, 2 heifers at £6 3s, 5 steers at £7 6s.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Steele Bros., Walcha, 4 bullocks at £10, 2 at £8 19s, 4 cows at £7 7s; J. D. Hamilton, Guyra, 8 bullocks at £7 12s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—W. R. Holcombe, Wee Waa, 4 bullocks to £10 17s, avg £10 14s 6d, 7 steers to £7 14s, avg £7 8s 8d, 7 cows to £7 2s, avg £6 11s 2d; J. B. and W. M. Christian, Maranoa, 87 bullocks to £10 8s, avg £8 10s 11s, 11 cows to £9 4s, avg £6 9s 4d, 4 steers at £5 15s, 9 heifers to £4 15s, avg £4 15s; Capel Brothers, Attunga, 41 bullocks to £9, avg £8 8s 4d, 2 cows at £7 10s; Northern agents, Singleton, 12 bullocks at £8 2s; Barry Brothers, Cooma, 13 bullocks to £8 4s, avg £8 7s, 13 cows to £6 5s, avg £6 0s 3d; T. Cook and Co., Manilla, 55 bullocks to £8 10s, avg £7 15s; P. J. Brady, Manilla, 5 cows at £5 7s, 6 heifers at £3 16s; G. Keifer, Gunnedah, 21 calves to £2 16s, avg £2 13s 7d; White Brothers, Armidale, 24 calves to £3 10s, avg £2 8s 3d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Burgess Bros., Wallangarra, 30 cows to £8 4s, avg £7 14s 7d; Price Brothers, Glencoe, 7 bullocks and steers to £10 1s, avg £7 18s 10d, 13 to £7 18s, avg £6 8s 4d, 3 cows to £6, avg £4 17s 4d; J. Magra, Wallangarra, 45 bullocks and steers to £8 17s, avg £6 18s 8d; W. Crisp, Tenterfield, 32 steers to £7 17s, avg £6 18s 4d, 3 cows and heifers to £5 14s, avg £5 7s; Southern agents, 8 bullocks to £8 10s, avg £8 18s, 9 heifers at £3 14s, 12 cows at £4 9s; J. Ford, Boggabri, 16 cows and heifers to £4 6s, avg £4 0s 4d, 2 steers at £5 5s, 16 calves to £3 10s, avg £2 4s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—R. N. Fitzgerald, Rylstone, 59 bullocks to £8 17s, avg £8 5s 6d; Morton Smith, Tenterfield, 47 cows to £8 12s, avg £5 13s 8d.

CITY YARDS.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son's "Live Stock Report":—Milch cows: About 61 yarded, comprising all descriptions, the bulk being medium to inferior, with a few decent animals. There was a small attendance of buyers, and competition was dull, and sales dragging throughout. Best made from £10 to £11 15s; good, £8 to £9; medium, £6 to £7; inferior, £4 to £5. We sold 61 at the above quotations, also 65 dry and fat cattle from £1 15s to £6 18s. Fat calves: On Wednesday 400, and on Thursday 70 yarded, being a very heavy supply, and comprising principally medium and store sorts, with a few prime medium and prime and heavy. Competition was spirited throughout for all prime calves, but store and rough small calves were dull, being hard to quit at low rates. We sold 26 (Richmond), 30s to £4 5s 6d; 52 (Picton), 10s to 32s 6d; 43 (Camden), 10s to 37s; 18 (Rouse Hill), 14s 6d to 31s; 25 per steamer, 13s to 21s; 55 (South Coast), 8s to 19s 6d; 15 (Rooty Hill), 13s to 28s 6d; 10 (Campbelltown), 18s to 32s; and 58 various owners, 9s to 50s 6d. Fat pigs: On Friday 893, and on Tuesday 1900 penned, the quality throughout being much better than of late, and consisting of a large number of porkers, balance baconers and backfatters. Sales opened to the usual attendance of buyers, and although prices were lower than the previous Tuesday's rates, considering the very heavy supply the market throughout for all quality pigs was a good one. We sold 98 (Clarence and Macleay Rivers), 16s to 62s 6d; 54 (South Coast) 9s 6d to 35s; 47 (Goulburn), 7s 9d to 66s 6d; 31 (Windsor), 17s 6d to 58s 6d; 20 (Dungog), 20s to 34s 6d; 11 (Camden), 16s to 27s 6d; 32 (Liverpool), 27s to 46s; and 58 various owners, 10s to 64s. Quotations: Backfatters (prime and heavy), 60s to 70s, good ditto 48s to 52s; bacon pigs, prime heavy 40s to 45s, prime light 34s to 38s 6d; porkers, prime heavy 25s 6d to 28s 6d, prime light 21s to 24s, medium 14s 6d to 18s; store pigs, 10s to 12s 6d; slips, 6s to 8s 6d.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. report at the City Corporation Yards and their Railway Stock Saleyards:—Milch cows, £4 10s to £12 5s each; fat cows, £5 5s to £8 10s each. Fat calves.—We sold 50 yearlings to 60s; choice weighty to 80s; vealers, weighty 53s, medium to 44s, light 28s, small from 15s, others from 5s each. Fat pigs.—We sold 194 porkers, light to medium, 10s to 23s 6d, weighty to 29s 6d, baconers 33s to 48s 6d, backfatters 50s to 60s, suckers 3s 6d to 6s 9d; weighty, choice to 9s 3d. Store pigs.—We sold 41 at 8s to 12s 6d; slips from 5s each. Pigs.—About 1900 penned on Tuesday. Sales ruled steady. Late rates were barely maintained for baconers and backfatters. Prime porkers sold freely at full values, although a decline of about 1s 6d per head may be noticed. Rough and faulty kinds, together with stores and suckers, sold slowly and cheap. Prime 60lb porkers realised 23s 6d, 40lb 16s, 70lb to 90lb 25s 6d to 29s 6d; baconers, 100lb 33s, 120lb 39s, weighty up to 48s 6d; backfatters, 50s to 60s; suckers, 3s 6d to 6s 9d; choice weighty to 9s 3d; stores, 8s to 12s 6d; slips, from 5s each. Calves.—450 penned; good to prime, all weights commanded steady competition, and realised payable prices. Rough and faulty also to small kinds sold dull and cheap. At coming sales there is no prospect of any changes.

Messrs. Maiden Bros. report having sold 600 pigs during Friday and Tuesday, realising 68s 6d for backfatters, 48s 6d for heavy baconers, 32s for light, and 38s for medium ditto, 29s 6d for heavy porkers, 24s 6d for medium, 19s for light. They also sold several lots of calves to 42s 6d. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Geo. Wells and Matthews, also held sales. Messrs. J. C. Young and Co. sold 228 pigs; and Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. 708 pigs and 162 fat calves.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY.

The general manager of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, reports for the four weeks ended May 16:—Underground: Operations were carried on uninterruptedly during the period, 27,630 tons of ore having been extracted. Very little inconvenience was felt from the fire, which is evidently much reduced in intensity. A large fan is being installed at Weatherly shaft, which will ensure perfect ventilation of southern end of mine under all circumstances. This fan will be driven by electricity. The 1200ft level is being opened up by driving along footwall in ore body north and south. Open cut: Quarrying operations have been restricted to vicinity of Patterson shaft; tailings have taken the place of mullock for stope filling almost entirely. Ore-dressing mills: 39,420 tons ore were treated in the mills, including 3900 tons middlings from old dumps. The re-treatment plant is now treating the increased tonnage of about 1400 tons weekly, producing a correspondingly larger quantity of slimes for sintering. Zinc plant: This plant treated 14,680 tons mill tailings for 3920 tons concentrates, the reduction being due to time lost owing to breakages in conveyer belt. Acid plant: 224 tons acid (strong) produced; plant worked continuously. Sintering works: 5720 tons raw lump slimes were built into kilns, and 4410 tons of product despatched to Port Pirie. Port Pirie: Work at the smelters has continued as usual. The construction of the zinc distillation plant is advancing rapidly, and a large number of retorts have been made by hand pending arrival of the machinery for this purpose. This machinery is now nearly ready for starting. Iron knob tramway: Satisfactory work has been carried on at this point, 7500 tons of ironstone having been shipped to the smelters. Point Turton: Work has proceeded on usual lines, all limestone flux required by the smelters having been forwarded from these quarries. Coke works: The coke ovens have been working half speed in consequence of an accumulation of coke at Port Pirie. As soon as our stocks are reduced they will again work full time.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At the rooms, at 11.30, City, Suburban, and Country Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the rooms, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Bookcase, etc.; at 12, Pianofortes, Turning Lathe, Confectionery, Cartons, etc.

S. DAVIS and CO.—At Carlile, 46 Bondi-road, Bondi, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Carpets, Electroplate, etc.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At Park View, 46 Bligh-street, Newtown, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, China, E.P. Ware, Bookcase.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At 173 Parramatta-road, Annandale, at 11, Boots, Shoes, Boot Manufacturer's Machine, Brass Bars, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At his rooms, City-chambers, at 10.30, Gold and Silver Watches, Jewellery, etc.; at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.; at 3, Sundries.

M. DE LISSA and CO.—At the rooms, at 11, Heeling and Hungarian Nails, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Salerooms, at 2.30, Furniture, Piano, Office Furniture, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street, at 2.30, Clothing, Blankets, Boots, Furniture, etc.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At Rushall, Alma-street, near Pymble station, North Shore line, Pymble, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Books, Glassware, Oil Paintings, Carpets, Linoleums, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Kuring-gai House, Pratt's Ferry-road, Waitara, at 11, Furniture, E.P. Ware, Glassware, Cutlery.

H. HAINS.—At the rooms, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Linoleum, Glass Cases, etc.

W. J. LAWS.—At 373 Darling-street, Balmain, at 11, Furniture, Counters, Scales, Marble Slabs and Tables, etc.

DAVOREN and CO.—At their Rooms, at 2.30, Furniture, Clothing, etc.

NORRISS and CO.—At 238 King-street, Newtown, at 11, Shop Fittings, Desk, Chandeliers, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

GEORGE H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO.—At the Macquarie-place Saleroom, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At the rooms, at 1.30, Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, etc.

C. J. TURNER.—At the rooms, at 1, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.

ELLIS and CO.—At their yards, at 1, Pigs, Vealers, Butter, Eggs, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

A fair amount of business was transacted in mining scrip on the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday, and prices generally speaking were steady. In the silver-lead section operations were confined to B. H. South and Junction North, the former having exchange at an advance. The quotations for Proprietary, Block 10, and Block 14 were also stronger. Tin was neglected and featureless, while in copper O.K., North Nymagee, and Wallaroo and Moonta were firmer. Several sales were reported in the local companies at about late rates. Queensland stocks were dull, but apart from a weakening in Mount Morgan and No. 2 South Great Eastern, prices showed little alteration.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	0 4 1	0 4 4
Crowl Creek	—	0 7 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 4 6
Girilambone Mining	0 1 3	0 2 0
Mount Molloy	0 13 6	0 15 0
Mungana (Chillagoe)	—	0 3 5
North Nymagee	0 1 3	0 1 6
O. K.	1 6 9	1 7 3
Queen Bee	0 19 3	1 0 6
Shuttleton	0 8 6	0 8 9
Ditto, contributing	0 1 6	—
Wallaroo and Moonta	2 11 0	2 13 0
TIN.		
Briseis	0 17 0	0 18 0
Smith's Creek Proprietary	—	0 7 6
Stannary Hills	0 3 0	—
Vulcan	—	5 0 0
Vulcan Hope	0 3 0	—
SILVER. New South Wales, Etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 13 0	1 13 9
Ditto, privileged	1 10 0	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	3 13 6	3 14 6
Ditto Block 10	4 10 0	4 12 0
Ditto Block 14	1 10 0	—
Ditto, preference	1 7 9	1 9 8
B. H. Junction	0 4 9	0 5 0
B. H. Junction North	0 19 0	0 19 4½
B. H. North	2 13 9	2 14 9
B. H. North Extended	0 1 3	—
B. H. South	4 11 0	4 11 3
B. H. South, contributing	4 3 6	4 4 0
B. H. South Blocks	1 6 6	—
Overflow	—	0 6 6
Ditto, contributing	0 2 10	—
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 7	—
Harden	0 17 3	0 17 7½
Mount David	0 0 6	0 0 8
Myall and Peak Hill (paid)	0 3 0	0 3 6
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 0 6	0 0 9
Occidental	0 7 3	0 8 0
Sunlight	0 1 11	0 2 1
Woodlark Island	0 1 0	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 0 6
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 7 0	—
Araluen Central	0 12 6	—
Associated Gold Dredging	0 4 11	0 5 2
Buckland River South Extended	—	0 2 3
Cope's Creek	0 7 3	0 7 9
Elrington	0 1 6	—
Jembaicumbene	0 1 6	—
New Wylie Creek	0 4 6	0 5 3
Ovens Valley	0 4 9	—
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Band of Hope	—	0 4 6
Brilliant Central	—	0 10 6
Brilliant Extended	1 1 6	1 3 0
Ditto, contributing	1 0 0	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc	—	0 2 0
Day Dawn Gold Mines	0 4 8	0 5 3
Kelly's Queen Block	0 7 6	0 8 0
London, contributing	—	0 2 10
Marshall's Queen	0 5 6	0 6 0
Ditto, contributing	0 4 3	0 5 0
Mount Morgan	3 15 0	3 16 0
Queen Central	—	0 4 6
Queen Cross Reef	—	0 8 6
Ruby	—	0 2 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 9
Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing	0 1 4	0 1 8
Victory	0 5 7	0 6 0
Gympie.		
East Oriental and Glanmire	0 1 0	0 1 6
Ditto, contributing	0 0 6	0 0 8
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	—	0 1 2
Ditto, contributing	—	0 0 10
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 2 0	0 2 3
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 2	—	0 0 6
North Smithfield	—	0 1 9
North Smithfield No. 1	0 4 6	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	—	0 5 0
South Great Eastern No. 1	0 4 6	0 5 0
South Great Eastern No. 2	—	0 16 3
Western Australia.		
Associated	—	2 2 6
Ditto, Northern Blocks	—	1 6 0
Burambie Range	—	1 3 0
Chaffer's	0 1 4	0 1 8
Great Boulder	1 4 3	1 5 0
Ditto, Main Reef	0 3 0	—
Ditto, No. 1	0 7 9	0 8 2
Ditto Perseverance	0 10 0	0 12 0
Great Fingall Consolidated	—	4 10 0
Hainault	1 11 0	1 12 9
Ivanhoe	6 10 0	—
Ka'gurli South, London register	1 6 3	—
Lake View Consols, L.R.	1 1 0	—
Oroya-Brown Hill	2 16 0	—
Queensland Menzies	0 3 0	—
Queen Margaret	0 4 9	0 5 3

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Early: Champion (Vic.), 4d; Golden Alexandra, paid, 7s 2d. On 'Change: Nil. Later: Sunlight, 2s; Hainault (London delivery), 32s. Noon: Mount Morgan, 76s; Mount David, 7d. Later: Sunlight, 2s; Amalgamated Tin, 7s 3d; Junction North, 19s; O.K. Copper, paid, 27s. Afternoon: Broken Hill South, contg, 83s 6d; O.K. Copper, paid, 27s. Later: Sunlight, 2s; North Nymagee, 1s 4½d; Queen Bee Copper, 20s; B.H. South, paid, 91s; Cobar Corporation, 2s.

Broken Hill Block 10 has declared a dividend of 2s per share, payable on June 20.

At the O.K. mines during the fortnight ended May 17 the furnace was in blast 63 hours, treating 190 tons of ore for 55 tons of matte, containing 27½ tons copper. A trial of the converter proved most satisfactory, the first blow producing two tons of copper, assaying 99.1 per cent. It commenced regular running on May 1. The matte shipped totalled 215 tons. The manager reports that the main south drive at the bottom level was advanced 9ft in solid sulphide ore. The winze from the intermediate level holed through to bottom in good ore. All working faces are yielding good material.

Carrington Lion crushed 250 tons, the value of the crushing being £407.

Ruby crushed 65 tons for 157oz. gold. Residues to come.

The dredgemaster of the Amalgamated Tin Dredging Company yesterday wired that both dredges were working. Rain 'was' falling steadily.

No. 1 South Oriental crushed 390 tons for 404oz 18dwt 12gr smelted gold.

Yesterday the manager of the No. 1 North Columbia reported 4in of quartz in the western crosscut, 540ft north down the dip, and 13ft west on No. 1 reef.

MINING IN THE STATE.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.

Owing to the advanced price of tin, mining for that mineral is being actively proceeded with at Wilson's Downfall.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

In connection with the recent development at the 1200ft level of the Proprietary mine, workings are being opened up by driving north and south along the footwall, but in the ore body open cut work is now restricted to the vicinity of the Patterson shaft. Old leeching plant tailings and zinc tailings are being used for filling purposes, instead of mullock. The construction of the zinc distillation plant is advancing rapidly. A large number of retorts have been made by hand pending the arrival of machinery for this purpose. This machinery is now being got ready for an early start.

On Block 10 the shaft from the 1015ft. to the 1215ft. levels has been holed through. This makes the new main shaft complete to the 1215ft. level. So soon as the shaft is timbered sinking to the 1615ft. level will be commenced.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Associated (colonial), b 41s, s 42s; Bayley's Consols, 1s 4d, 1s 3d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 4d; Cumberland, 4s 9d, b 4s 9d, s 4s 11d; Great Boulder, 24s 6d, 24s 9d, b 24s 7½d, s 24s 9d ditto No. 1, 7s 8d, b 7s 6d, s 7s 8d; Golden Pole, 8s 2d, b 8s 1d, s 8s 3d Golden Ridge, b 6s 6d, s 7s 3d; Great Boulder Perseverance (colonial), 11s 3d, b 11s 3d, s 11s 4½d; Hainault, b 31s 6d, s 32s; Lake View Consols (colonial), b 23s 6d, s 24s 6d; Princess Royal, paid, b 10s 9d, s 11s 3d; ditto, contg., 10s, b 9s 10d, s 10s 1½d; Queen Margaret, 4s 11d, 5s, b 4s 11d, s 5s; Queensland Menzies, 3s 9d, 3s 10d, b 3s 10d, s 3s 11d; Westralian Wallsend, 1s 6½d, b 1s 4d, s 1s 7d; Baker's Creek, 1s 7½d, b 1s 7d, s 1s 8d; Tarcoola Blocks, 3s 4d, b 3s, s 3s 3d; Echunga Sluicing, 25s, b 20s, s 27s 6d; B.H. Proprietary, 73s 6d, 74s, b 74s, s 74s 3d; Broken Hill Block 14 (colonial), b 27s 9d, s 28s 3d; ditto (ordinary), (col.), 31s, b 30s, s 31s 6d; British (old), b 33s 4½d, s 33s 6d; ditto (new), 31s, 31s 1½d, b 31s 1½d, s 31s 4½d; B.H. Block 10, 91s 6d, 91s, b 91s, s 91s 6d; B.H. Junction, 4s 10½d, b 4s 9d, s 4s 11d; North B.H., 54s, 54s 6d, b 54s 3d, s 54s 6d; B.H. South, paid, 91s, 92s 3d, 91s 6d, b 91s, s 92s; ditto, contg. 82s, 84s, 83s 6d, b 83s 6d, s 83s 9d; South Blocks, 26s 6d, 27s, b 26s 9d, s 27s; Mt. Molloy, paid, 13s 9d, b 12s 9d, s 13s 9d; Junction North, 18s 10½d, 19s 3d, 19s 1½d, b 19s, s 19s 1½d; Sulphide Corporation, 15s 4½d, b 15s 3d, s 15s 6d; O.K., paid, 27s, 27s 3d, 27s, b 27s, s 27s 3d; Ringarooma, b 97s 6d, s £5 5s; Gladstone, b £10, s £10 5s; New White Lead, 3s 7½d, b 3s 6d, s 3s 7½d; Adelaide Hydraulic Sluicing, 86s 6d, b 85s, s 90s; Chillagoe, 4s 4d, b 4s 3d, s 4s 5d; Paull's Consolidated, b £13 10s, s £14 10s; Wallaroo, 51s, 50s 9d, 51s 6d, b 52s, s 52s 6d; Briseis, b 17s 6d, s 17s 6d; Smith's Creek, 7s 1d, 7s 3d, 7s 2d, b 7s 2d, s 7s 3d; North Eastern, b 75s, s 96s; Weldbrook, 65s, 55s, b 55s, s 57s 6d; Dalziell, b 8s 3d, s 9s 6d; Narlarda, £15 10s.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Goldfields Consolidated, 11s 3d, 11s, 12s 1½d, 12s 7½d; North New Moon, 59s.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Golden Alexandra, 6s 9d, 6s 7d; Grand Junction, 6d; Kelly's Queen Block, 8s; London North, 4d; New Queen, 4s 7d; Phoebe, 2s 6d, 2s 8d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, 1s 5d.

Quotations: Bonnie Dundee, b 2s 8d, s 3s; Brilliant Central, b 8s 6d, s 9s 4d; Brilliant, b 7s 7d, s 8s; Brilliant Block, b 5s; ditto, paid, b 5s 9d, s 6s 6d; Brilliant Extended, b 20s 10d, s 21s 4d; ditto, paid, b 22s 6d; Carrington Lion, b 2s 6d, s 2s 9d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, b 1s; ditto, paid, s 1s 3d; Day Dawn, P.C., b 1s 6d, s 1s 8d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 4s 10d, s 5s 3d; School Reserve, b 1s, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 1s 7d; Deep Levels, b 1s 8d, s 1s 11d; East Mexican, b 5s 6d; ditto, paid, b 8s 10d, s 9s 9d; Golden Alexandra, b 6s 7d, s 6s 9d; ditto, paid, s 7s 6d; Grand Junction, b 5½d, s 6½d; Imperial, b 6½d, s 7½d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 7s 3d, s 7s 8d; ditto, paid, b 7s 10d, s 8s; Kulamadau, b 3s 5d; London, b 2s 8d, s 2s 9½d; London North, b 3½d, s 4d; ditto, paid, b 7d, s 9d; Marshall's Queen, b 4s 8d, s 5s; ditto, paid, b 5s 8d, s 6s; Mills' United, b 25s, s 26s; New Brilliant Freehold, b 2s 5d, s 2s 7d; Craven's Caledonia, b 5½d, s 6d; New Queen, b 4s 7d, s 4s 8d; North Queen, b 1s 8d, s 1s 11d; Phoebe, b 2s 7d, s 2s 8d; ditto, paid, b 3s 4d, s 3s 9d; Queen Cross Reef, s 8s 10d; Queen Deep, b 1s 5d, s 1s 8d; Ruby, b 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 2s 2d, s 2s 6d; Victory, b 5s 3d, s 5s 10d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 4d, s 5d; ditto, paid, b 1s 3d.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Columbia Smithfield, contg, b 1s, s 1s 7d; No. 1 North Columbia (old), b 1s, s 1s 4d; ditto (new), b 7d, s 10d; Columbia Extended, b 6½d, s 7½d; Eastern Smithfield Tribute, b 2d, s 5d.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Tasmania, b 22s 6d, s 25s; Tasmanian Copper, s 10s 3d; North Farrell, b 8s 6d; Mount Bischoff, b £54 17s 6d, s £55 5s; Arba, b 24s, s 26s; Pioneer, b £8 16s; Weir's, b 9s 3d, s 10s 6d; North Eastern, s £5; Hercules, b 4s 11d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: B. H. Block 10, 89s 6d, 91s, 90s 6d, 91s 6d, b 91s 6d, s 92s; B. H. Block 14, b 30s, s 30s 6d; British B. H., b 33s, s 34s; B. H. Proprietary, 73s 6d, b 73s 6d, s 74s; B. H. Junction, s 5s; Junction North, 19s, 19s 1½d, b 19s, s 19s 1½d; B. H. South, b 82s 6d, s 84s; ditto, paid, b 91s 6d, s 92s; South Blocks, b 26s 9d, s 27s; Coppabella, s 4s; ditto, paid, b 2s; New White Leads, 3s 6d, b 3s 6d, s 3s 8d; North B. H., 54s, b 54s, s 54s 6d.

Copper and gold: Mount Lyell, b 46s 6d, s 47s 3d; Lyell Blocks, 9s 1d, b 9s, s 9s 3d; Murchison River, 4s, b 4s 1d; Tasman and Crown Extended, paid, 1s 10d, b 1s 10d, s 1s 11d; Hampden, 19s, s 20s; Mungana, b 3s 2d, s 3s 3d; Mount Elliott, paid, 26s; O.K., paid, 26s 9d, 27s, b 27s, s 27s 6d; Crowl Creek, s 5s; ditto, paid, b 5s; Mount Morgan, b 75s, s 77s 6d.

Tin: Amalgamated, 7s 2d, 7s 3d, b 7s 3d, s 7s 4d; Annan River, b £4; Briseis, 17s 3d, 17s 6d, b 17s 6d, s 17s 7½d; ditto Extended, £5 15s, b £5 15s, s £5 18s; Cope's Creek Central (pref.), s 20s; Fancy Creek, 61s, 60s, b 60s, s 65s; Gladstone, £10, b £9 15s, s £10 10s; Mayne, paid, 3s 6d, s 3s 6d; Mutual Hill, 4s 7d, 4s 6d, b 4s 5d, s 4s 6d; North Eastern, 85s, b 80s, s 85s; Pioneer Extended, 5s 9d, 5s 10d, b 5s 10d, s 6s; Tingha South, b 5s, s 7s; Transit, 40s, 37s, b 36s, s 39s; Weldbrook, 63s, 55s, 58s, b 57s, s 58s; Wynford, 4s 9d, 3s 8d, b 3s 6d, s 3s 8d.

Victorian mines: Caledonia Consols, 4s 8d, 4s 6d, b 4s 5d, s 4s 6d; Cassilis, b 8s 6d, s 12s; Central New Moon, 1s 4d; England Consols, 1s 4d, b 1s 2d, s 1s 9d; Glenfine South, 10s; Goldfield Consolidated, 11s 3d, 12s 4½d, 12s, 12s 9d, b 12s 6d, s 12s 9d; Great Southern, b 17s, s 19s; Hustler's Reef, b 22s 9d, s 23s 6d; Jubilee, 50s 6d, b 49s, s 50s 6d; Lady Nelson, 1s 6d, s 2s; Long Tunnel, £8 8s, £8 10s, b £8 9s, s £8 10s; ditto Extended, £13 10s, b £13 5s, s £13 10s; New Argus, 38s, b 37s 6d, s 39s; New Dempsey, b 7s, s 8s 6d; New Bendigo, 6s 9d; North New Moon, 60s, b 59s 6d; South German, b 5s; South New Moon, £6, b £5 19s; Specimen Hill, 56s 6d, b 56s, s 57s; Star of the East, 3s 3d, 3s 2d, s 3s 9d; ditto Extended, 5s 2d, b 5s, s 5s 3d; William's Fancy 24s 6d, 24s, s 24s.

Western Australian mines: Barrambie Ranges, b 20s, s 22s; Great Boulder, b 24s 3d; Queen Margaret, 4s 10d, s 5s; Tindals, s 1s 9d.

TASMANIAN MINING.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Messrs. W. Grayson and F. W. Payne returned from Gladstone last night. The former stated that both the Gladstone and Ringarooma dredges are in good faces, and doing much better work. With regard to the Gladstone dredge, some little trouble is still experienced owing to the silt following up the plant, and portion of the wash sticking in the trummel. It has been decided to put a slip wheel on the stern of the barge to obviate the former trouble. A high-pressure pump nozzle is being installed on the dredge to keep the trummel clear. This work will occupy three or four days, after which better progress is expected. The present run of the Ringarooma dredge will be ninety hours. The manager is now preparing to stream, and the result is expected to be 19cwt, which in a new paddock is considered very good. After another fortnight or three weeks Mr. Grayson thinks this dredge ought to be winning at least two tons of tin ore per week. Mr. Payne has prepared plans for three more dredges, two for Dorset and one for Cybele. The first shipment of timber, over 300,000ft being required, is due at Boobyalla next week from Hobart. The Dorset dredges will be first constructed, then the Cybele.

With an abundance of water, the overburden races at Derby are being vigorously worked. Briseis Hill will connect shortly with the Cascade workings, and in the narrowest point there is little more than half a chain width on top before the cascade side of the workings will be reached. This will necessitate the removal of the large main column pipes now running along the top road, and which are intended to run down over the south-western reef, close to where the slip occurred. Extra pressure will result, and it will also shorten the column considerably. Up to the present there has been no increase in the slip, but to make everything safe a few more tons will be taken down. All the drift faces are producing as last reported.

From the appearance of ground now being worked at Briseis Extended, a greater quantity of dirt should be shifted this run, there being no pug to contend with.

Preparations are being made on Arba for the new machinery. The new tail race will be commenced this week. It is being constructed to work in conjunction with the new shipping plant.

ZEEHAN, Thursday.

The British Mount Read 600ft tunnel is now in 1196ft. The manager anticipates shortly cutting the main ore body.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

Among the quotations for Australian shares on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 73s (m); British Broken Hill, 33s 3d (m); Broken Hill Block 10, 89s (m); North Broken Hill, 33s 9d (m); Broken Hill South, 89s 6d (m); Briseis, 17s 3d (m); Mungana, 3s 3d (m); Chillagoe, 4s (m); Mount Lyell, 46s 6d (m); Associated, 40s 6d (s); Great Fingall, 88s 9d (s); Hainault, 32s 3d (s); Lake View Consols, 23s (s); Sons of Gwalia, 25s 6d (s); Oroya Brown Hill, 58s 9d (b). Lead was quoted at £16 17s 6d per ton (m).

FUNERALS.

CARROLL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR CARROLL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, Leonard; to leave their residence, 82 Young-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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DUFFY.—The Friends of the late Mr. JAMES DUFFY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, White Horse Hotel, King-street, Newtown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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DUFFY.—The Friends of Mrs. ISABELLA DUFFY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, James, which will leave her residence, White Horse Hotel, King-street, Newtown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

DUFFY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN STEER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Mr. James Duffy; to leave his late residence, White Horse Hotel, King-street, Newtown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

DUFFY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN BASS, of Parramatta, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Mr. James Duffy; to leave his late residence, White Horse Hotel, King-street, Newtown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.

JACKSON.—The Friends of JAMES and GEORGE JACKSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Mrs. ANN JACKSON, which will leave her late residence, 56 Douglas-street, Redfern, THIS MORNING, at 8.45, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

MANGER.—The Friends of the late Mrs. MARY MANGER are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her residence, 68 Unwin's Bridge-road, St. Peters, THIS DAY, at 8.30 a.m., for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown station.
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MURPHY.—The Friends of the late GEORGE F. MURPHY are requested to attend his Funeral, starting from the Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, at 1.30 THIS AFTERNOON, for Rookwood.

THORPE.—The Friends of Mrs. ELLEN THORPE and FAMILY, of Cheltenham-street, Rozelle, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER and their SISTER, Elsie Maud; to leave the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Field of Mars Cem.
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WAGSTAFF.—The Friends of the late DAVID WAGSTAFF are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, Bay-road, North Sydney, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
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WHITEHURST.—The Friends of the late Mr. ENOCH WHITEHURST are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, Gerald-street, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

WHITEHURST.—The Friends of Mr. Alderman STEPHEN WHITEHURST are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved BROTHER, Enoch, which will leave his late residence, Gerald-street, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

WHITEHURST.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN WHITEHURST are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved BROTHER, Enoch, which will leave his late residence, Gerald-street, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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WHITEHURST.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PEMBERTHY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Enoch Whitehurst; to move from his residence, Gerald-street, Marrickville, THIS FRIDAY, at 2 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.

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